ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF EASTON

2008

THE EASTON LIONS CLUB

IS # 1 IN THE WORLD
AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING CLUB,
OF OVER 45,000 CLUBS, TO MEET
THE CHALLENGE TO CHANGE - 2008

It was with deep honor and pride in accomplishment that President Nancy Sullivan of the Easton Lions Club announced on June 26, 2008 the news that came from Bangkok, Thailand that the Easton Lions Club received the unprecedented honor of being the Most Outstanding Club in the world. No other Club in our District (33-S, 55 Clubs), State, or Region had received such an Award previously. The news came in an e-mail from District-Governor Elect, Nolan Rozzelle, who was at the International Convention in Thailand. Nolan said "it was like being at the Academy Awards!" There are 18,000 Lions in attendance at the Convention as he stepped forward to receive the Award on behalf of the Easton Lions Club.

The Easton Lions can be duly proud of the accomplishments that brought this distinctive award. The largest and most active Lions Clubs in the region, with a membership of 173, the Club works hard to accomplish its goals of raising funds for Eye Research and to provide Community Services. All funds (100%) are used either to support grants to eye research laboratories in our state through the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation, or to support needs within the Easton community.

The "Most Outstanding Club" Award recognizes the Easton Lions Club as the best in the world in achieving International President Mahendra Amarasuriya's, (who hails from Sri Lanka) Challenge to Change. The President set this as his theme. This goal was met in many ways; including an increase of 19,000 members worldwide, and 140 new Clubs. District 33-S alone added 3 new Clubs, one of which The Easton Lions Club sponsored in Brockton. The Award required evidence of significant changes in nine (9) categories:

- Membership Growth (evidence of sustained growth over time)
- Club Extension (sponsoring a new Club in Brockton),
- Innovative Changes (the Club evidenced 19 changes in this category),
- Membership Participation (evidenced significant increases in membership participation in community and club events/activities)
- Public Participation Support (evidence of thousands of community members participating in over 10 major Lions community events),
- Public Relations (evidenced 8 areas of media and changes within these, including electronic media)
- Community Impacts include funding hearing aids for children who are deaf, arranging for new glasses for those whose vision is impaired and who can't afford them, providing resources for athletic teams as the swim team, providing funds to community agencies in need, providing $8,000.00 in scholarships for needy students, supporting the VA Hospital Recreation Program, sending Boy Scouts (who otherwise would not be able to go) to camp, supporting the other Town organizations in reciprocal relationships so that all Town resources are maximized to the benefit of the Town as a whole. Some of the reciprocal support relationships include: the Easton Garden Club, EWOT, the National Resources Trust activities, the FORE (For Our Residents of Easton) campaign, HUGS (Programs that address violence against women and the results of violence in the home), the baseball league, many sports programs at the high school, the music programs at the high school, and Senior Citizens Cookouts and needs. Our Middle School Students also participate in the largest art contest in the world wherein students from all over the world submit their work for judge review through the International Peace Poster Contest each year.

- Special Community Impacts include the Yardley-Wood Rink built and maintained by the Easton Lions since1965. The Club relies upon the reciprocity within the community to sustain this facility, which has become a year-round family fun place.
- The Town's Food Pantry has had the Club's support since its inception.

- Promoting Challenge to Change (evidence of internal support to meet the "Challenge to Change" provided); and

- Participation in District, Multiple District, and International Events (evidence of members' participation in fund raising as for: Journey for Sight, Carnation Days, Pennies for Sight, Campaign SightFirst II (Lions world wide raised over $200 million dollars in 2008 – Easton participated in that effort), and participation through support of our wonderful eye research laboratories here in Massachusetts. Easton Lions raise approximately $15,000 - $25,000 each year to support Massachusetts Eye Research. The Club's donation is combined with that of the other Clubs in the state to provide $1 million each year to fight blindness.

- Past District Governor Joseph Rizzo (who submitted Easton's documentation in January 2008) noted: "***This Club has been a model club and has embraced the concepts of "Challenge to Change," both within the club and in the community. Their many actions demonstrate their recognition of the need to change; innovative steps taken to change club administration and processes, and their commitment to remain a relevant and vibrant part of their community. Led by a dynamic club president, and executive team, the club has purposefully examined all of its many activities and functions and made changes deemed appropriate to remain a vital and vibrant club committed to serving others. It also demonstrates its commitment to inclusiveness in terms of membership growth, membership participation, and public relations. Because of its many outreach efforts, it has earned the distinction of being considered an integral part of the community of Easton."***

The Club's members are regular citizens from within the community who have a strong sense of community service and adhere to the principles of Lionism. "Giving back" to the community, and supporting those in need, are its hallmarks.

The Easton Lions Club recognizes the contributions not only of its members who give so much of their time, talents, skills, hard work, and innovative ideas to its endeavors, but also the support it receives from the community, and the businesses in Town. The reasons the Easton Lions are successful in their endeavors are within the support that comes from the Town's governing bodies, agencies, businesses and citizens. The State senators and representatives are also supportive. District leadership, especially District Governor Joseph Rizzo and Cabinet Secretary Joyce Middleton have been key in support. **President Nancy Sullivan stated: "We could not do our work without these individuals and groups. We hope that all of them will share a sense of pride and honor in our mutual success. It is through the spirit of reciprocity that mutual success is realized. It is through the spirit of reciprocity that the Easton Lions received this extraordinary, extraordinary Award. It is with senses of unbelievable joy, overwhelming honor, deep humility, and Easton pride that the Easton Lions accepted this Award."**

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB:
Lions Clubs International is the world's largest secular service organization with over 45,000 clubs and more than 1.4 million members in 202 countries and regions around the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, the organization strives to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale. It is a highly diverse organization, supporting eleven languages. Lions Clubs International was founded in the United States in 1917 by Melvin Jones, a Freemason and Chicago businessman. Jones asked, with regard to his colleagues, "What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Jones' personal code, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," reminds every Lion of the importance of community service. At the local, district, and international levels, Lions members exemplify the motto "We Serve." Lions Clubs focus on programming related to sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and other programs that support the local communities where Lions live.*

*from Lions Club International website.

TOWN OF EASTON
www.easton.ma.us

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town of Easton	29.04 Square Miles
Population	22,299 (2000 Fed Census) 22,980 (2008 Town Census)
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2008	$3,333,237,870
Town Meeting:	Third Monday in May
Town Election:	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATTIVES FOR EASTON

CONGRESSMEN:

Edward M. Kennedy, US Senator
John F. Kerry, US Senator
Stephen F Lynch, Representative in Congress, 9th Congressional District

STATE SENATORS:

Thomas P Kennedy,(D- Brockton)- 2nd Plymouth & Bristol (Pcts. 1,2)
Brian A. Joyce,(D-Milton) -Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

Geraldine Creedon (D-Brockton) - Eleventh Plymouth District (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)
David L Flynn (D-Bridgewater) - Eighth Plymouth District (Pct 6)
Christine E. Canavan, (D-Brockton) - Tenth Plymouth District (Pct 3)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Kelly A. Timilty (D-Boston) - Second District (Pcts 3, 4, 5, 6)
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (D-Boston) - Fourth District (Pcts 1, 2)

Elected Officials:	Term Expire
Board of Selectmen	
Colleen Corona	2009
John S Haederle	2009
Ellen Barlow	2010
Charles P King	2011
Irwin Cohen	2011
Board of Assessors	
Shaun Fitzgerald	2009
Wallace M Fulcher	2010
Gerald J. Noonan	2011
School Committee	
William Braun	2009
Jane Martin	2010
Dawn Marie Boynton	2010
Rebecca Turley	2011
Caroline O'Neill	2011
Board of Health	
Roger Kligler	2009
Robert Kane	2010
Gilbert Heino	2011
Housing Authority	
June Brousseau	2010
Sandra Conant	2011
Dennis Sheedy	2012
Thomas Downey	2013
Finance Committee	
Mark Carpentier	2009
Jeremy David	2009
Jonathan Pike	2009
Patrick Goodman	2010
Stephen Delano	2010
Donna Lopolito	2010
Robert Hicks	2011
Kimberly DuBois	2011
Albert Benson	2011
Regional School Committee	
Ralph Armstead	2010

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

	TERM EXP.
BOARD OF APPEALS	
Thomas A. Pursley	2013
Christopher J. Pike	2012
Stephen Pinzari	2011
John Tupper	2010
Paul Prew, Alternate	2010
Walter Mirrione	2009
Scott Erlich, Alternate	2009
AUDIT COMMITTEE	
Michael Sullivan	2011
Brenda DeCosta	2010
Charles King	2008
Jane Martin	2009
Jonathan Pike	2008
CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Howard Miller	2011
Vacancy	2011
Paul DiNicola	2010
Leonard Berkowitz	2010
Stuart Schoenfeld	2009
CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Janice Fowler	2011
John Fresh, Jr.	2010
Wayne P. Southworth	2009
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Mark S. Carpentier	2010
Sharyn Katz	2010
Vacancy	2009
Frederic MacLennan	2012
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant	
Gregory Strange, Planning & Zoning Board	
Jeremy David, Finance Committee	
CEMETERY COMMISSION	
Kit Minsky	2011
Melanie Deware	2010
John D. Melin	2009
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE	
Colleen Less	2011
Avery Lee Williams	2011
Len Cidado, Recreation Commission	2011
Edmund C. Hands, Historical Commission	2011
Patricia F. Hunt	2010
John E. Grant, Conservation Commission	2010
Dennis Sheedy, Housing Authority	2010
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2009
Christine Santoro, Planning & Zoning Board	2009
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	
Paul DeCouto	2011
Jean Parrinello	2010
Vacancy	2010
Robert Coe	2009
Patricia Ellen Somers	2009
D. Mark Trivett, Ex-Officio	

	TERM EXP.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Kyla Bennett	2011
Jonathan Chace	2010
Michael Ganshirt	2010
John E. Grant	2010
Patricia A. Haederle	2009
CONSTABLES	
James A. Carey	2011
John J. Hurley	2011
Margaret C. Carey	2011
Michael G. Bombas	2011
George E. Mather	2011
Scot Douglas	2011
Robert Bishop	2011
Jerold Loomis	2010
Harold L. March	2010
John D. Melin	2010
Desmond Chow	2010
Phillip E. White, Jr.	2010
Sean Cushing	2010
Michael Marrum	2010
William E. Scharnick	2009
Brent Peterson	2009
James T. Hartford	2009
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Francis H. Spillane	2011
David Cudmore	2011
Jean Shearing	2011
Nicolina Previti	2010
Rose Friedeborn	2010
Marie Healey	2009
Ethel Pomerleau	2009
Delores M. Kent, Director	
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Michael Mahany	2011
Bill Bradley	2011
Alexander Maller	2010
Peter Twiraga	2010
Wanda Azevedo	2009
Mary Goulart	2009
Marion Wingfield	2009
Katherine Minsky	2009
Heidi Harlfinger	2009
EDUCATIONAL & MUNICIPAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	
Lewis N. Aries, Jr	Indefinite
Judith Canty	Indefinite
Anne M. Carney	Indefinite
Michael Deltano	Indefinite
Christine Margulies	Indefinite
Howard Miller	Indefinite

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

	TERM EXP.
FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	
Calvin Harris	2011
Paula Piccinin	2011
Ghardy Daniel	2011
Rachel Hansen	2010
Ilisabeth Bornstein	2010
Donna Bonia	2009
Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald	2009
FENCE VIEWERS	
Robert L. Hicks	2009
Charles Hammond	2009
Vacancy	2008
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Greg Galer	2011
Melanie-Jane Deware	2011
Timothy Hurley	2010
Paul Fitzpatrick	2010
Edmund C. Hands	2011
David Olson	2009
John Ventresco	2009
Vacancy (Meninno Resigned), Associate Member	
Larry Mowatt, Associate Member	
Catherine M. Adler, Associate Member	
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE	
Vacancy	2010
Rachel Hansen	2009
Ilisabeth Bornstein	2009
Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald	2009
Vacancy	2008
HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD	
Stephen Delamere	2010
Jacqueline A. Shea	2010
Brian Hoffman	2009
Vacancy	2008
Vacancy	2008
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY	
Richard L. Freitas	2008
INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Marie Graca	2009
David Brown	2009
Christopher Mills	2009
Ken Flanagan	2009
Joseph Richard	2009
Christine Midura	2009
Jim McAvoy	2009
Jean Amichetti	2009
Karyn Smith	2009
Teresa DeSilva	2009

	TERM EXP.
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Gerard S. Marsan (Corp)	2011
James Fowler(Corp)	2011
William M. Ames (Corp)	2010
Marion Wingfield (Town)	2010
Hazel L. Varella (Town)	2010
Karen Hays (Corp)	2010
Stephen Merlin (Town)	2009
Marcia Connors (Town)	2009
Donna P. Richman (Corp)	2009
Madeline Miele Holt, Executive Director	
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE	
Kenneth Carlson	2011
Dennis Kenny	2011
Wallace Fulcher	2010
Ralph Vatalaro	2010
Michael Belanger	2009
Marc Brockman, School Rep	
Jane Pike Benton, School Rep	
Dawn Boynton, School Rep, Alternate	
Dr. Michael Green, School Supt Rep, Ex-Officio	
Wayne Southworth, DPW Director, Ex-Officio	
OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES	
Delores Kent, Board of Directors	
Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate	
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)	
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative	
Stephen Donahue, Delegate Alternate	
OCPC AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate	
Marie Healey, Alternate	
OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	
Wayne P. Southworth, Representative	
PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE	
David W. Brown	2010
Vacancy	2010
Gil A. Heino	2009
Vacancy	2008
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD	
Christine Santoro	2013
Gregory Strange	2012
Walter H. Johnson	2011
Colin W. Gillis	2010
Alex Maller - Alternate	2010
John Duggan	2009

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(In Alphabetical Order)

	TERM EXP.
RECREATION COMMISSION	
Tana Babbitt	2011
Robert Benton	2011
Leonard R. Cidado	2010
Michael J. McDonald	2010
Kathleen DeGrandis	2010
Elizabeth Nikiciuk	2009
Charles H. Hammond	2009
Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director	
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	
Gus Arns	2011
Jean H. Cote	2010
Kent M. Keith	2009
Jeremy P Gillis, Clerk	
SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Marc R. Brockman	4/1/2006
Lennart K. Altieri	
Dawn Marie Boynton, School	
Judith E. Josephs	
Henry P. Narsasian	4/14/2006
Wallace Fulcher	4/14/2006
Robert L. Hicks, Finance Committee	
Michael Green, School	
Jane Martin, School	
SPECIAL ACT CHARTER COMMITTEE	
Stephen Merlin	2009
Alexander Maller	2009
Robert Carvin	2009
VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER	
John D. Melin	2013
VETERANS AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	
Alvin Smart, Commander VFW	
Louis G. Silva	
John Flynn	
Ernest R. Camara	
Daniel B. Amorim	
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION	
Robert Bruce	2011
Shirley Tufts	2010
Steven Barth	2009
Wayne P. Southworth, Local Water Resources Management Officer	
John J. Marsh, Operations Manager/Water Div.	
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE	
John F. Hurley, Chair	
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	
Chairman, School Committee	
Commander, George F. Schindler Post VFW	
Commander, George S. Shepard Post, A.L.	
John D. Melin	
Robert J. McLaughlin	

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2008 was a year of progress despite the darkening clouds of the impending fiscal storm. We completed projects that had been years in the making, continued work on others, and launched projects that had been on the drawing board for some time. At the same time, we took steps to prepare the Town to weather the global economic downturn.

Early in the year, Town Administrator David Colton appointed a steering committee to begin the process of transforming Frothingham Hall into the new Senior/Recreation Center. The Steering Committee investigated the needs of the community in the area of recreation and elder services and detailed the proposed changes to Frothingham Hall to the Board in October. With the positive vote for funding at Special Town Meeting, design work is now moving forward.

In April, Irwin Cohen was elected to his second term on the Board of Selectmen, and we would like to thank him for his continued service.

In May, the Board appointed three citizens to the Special Act Charter Committee. The committee was charged with developing a Town Manager/Town Council Charter for consideration by the town. This committee was formed based on the report of the Government Study Committee, which recommended a change in form of government for our community. The Special Act Charter Committee will continue its work into 2009.

In October, the town broke ground on the track and field project at Oliver Ames High School. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009.

In November, the town celebrated the completion of the Oliver Ames High School and Easton Middle School Projects with a dedication ceremony at the high school. We would like to express our profound gratitude to the citizens of this community for supporting these projects, and all the men and women serving on the committees that saw the buildings through to completion.
We continued the Community Visioning process started two years ago. After the initial visioning workshop, small groups were established to begin outlining the steps to be taken in the areas of Economic Development, Environment, Preservation, Public Facilities and Transportation/Traffic. Those groups met for several months, then convened in October to present their recommendations to the town. We would like to thank everyone who participated for all the work they did in detailing goals in these critical areas. We plan to continue this process in 2009.

The town said goodbye to three longstanding employees. Anne Carney, the Assistant Assessor, and Janet Linehan, the Town Clerk, retired after many years of service. The town also said goodbye to long-time Library Director Annalee Bundy. We thank them for their hard work and dedication, and wish them well. The town welcomed Rob Alford as the new Chief Appraiser, Jeremy Gillis as the new Town Clerk, and Madeline Miele Holt as the new Library Director. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to working with them in the coming years.

The Board continued to look for solutions to our wastewater issues, and began a dialog with several abutting communities in an effort to develop a regional solution.

We made several advances in the areas of technology and citizen accessibility to public records. In the fall, the Board of Selectmen meetings went paperless, and the town staff is working to encourage others to decrease paper consumption. The Board of Selectmen also required all documents associated with development projects in the community to be posted on the web. The town also began distributing the Easton Town Crier by e-mail, providing information and updates to residents who sign up for the service. In March, the Town was pleased to be one of 85 communities in Massachusetts to receive an E-

Government Award. Common Cause gives this award to communities that display transparency in providing town documents to the public on the town website.

In 2008 we were fortunate to be able to add to our Stabilization Fund at a time when many communities were drawing down their "rainy day" reserves to critically low levels. Our relative fiscal stability — a result of successful passage of an operation override in 2006 — began, however, to be overshadowed by the growing worldwide fiscal crisis toward the end of 2008. In October, the town enacted hiring and spending freezes in response. We are aware that the next several years will bring financial difficulty to our town, and though there are some tough choices ahead, we are committed to providing ongoing services.

The Board would like to express gratitude to David Colton for his leadership, dedication and creative ideas this past year. We would also like to thank Mary Southworth and Kit Minsky for their help and support. All the employees and volunteers who give of their time and skill also deserve heartfelt thanks, and we look forward to continuing to work together in the coming year.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Department of Revenue regulations now require assessors to review assessments on a yearly basis to see if they meet the statistical criteria contained in the Massachusetts General Laws. Median assessments must be at least 90 % of market value and not exceed 110% as determined by analysis of the previous year's sales. Assessments must also meet uniformity criteria that show all similar properties are being assessed by the same methodology. The results of analyzing the 2007 valid or "arm's length" sales showed that most residential values declined in value and the new fiscal year 2009 assessments reflect this decline. Sales continued to gradually decline during calendar 2008 and this will be reflected in the fiscal year 2010 assessments. Commercial and industrial value are determined by an income capitalization process that reacts more slowly to market variations and those values remained stable throughout 2007.

Decline in assessed values has little effect on real estate tax liability because the same amount of money needs to be raised whether the values decline, stay the same, or increase. If the values decline, the tax rate is proportionately higher and the reverse is true if values increase. Even if values remain the same, Prop 2½ allows increases to the overall amount the Town can raise. Due to these allowable increases, taxes normally will go up 3-4% a year.

Prior to setting the tax rate, the assessors are responsible for putting together information to aid the Board of Selectmen in its decision concerning classification. The Selectmen make the decision on whether to have a single or split tax rate.

Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board's filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran's Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors' data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters' list for public hearings.

The assessors' data is now on the Internet. The Assessing staff is working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online.

June 30th 2008 saw the retirement of Anne Carney after 26 years of dedicated service to the Town of Easton. Robert Alford II became the new Chief Assessor on June 16, 2008. On August 1, 2008 another retirement took place. Paulette Hollis, the Office Assistant, retired after 29 years with the Town of Easton. Ann Williams moved up to the position of Office Assistant on August 4. Maureen Call was welcomed to the office on September 2 replacing Ann Williams as Principal Clerk.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 3,146,669,650
Assessed Value of Personal Property	46,306,980
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 3,192,976,630

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$ 65,931,936.22
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges	521,453.32
State & County Charges	717,473.00
Overlay Account	330,500.06
Total Expenditures	$ 67,501,360.60

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$ 14,035,057.00
Local Receipts	5,519,765.00
Enterprise Funds	4,201,563.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds	2,726,819.22
Community Preservation Funds	1,584,897.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$ 28,068,101.22

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	$ 39,433,261.38

Tax Rate = 39,433,261.38/ 3,192,976,630 x 1000 = $12.35

The assessment date for fiscal year 2009 values was January 1, 2008. The Town now has 5,515 single-family homes, 1,409 condominiums, 159 two-family homes and 21 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2009 is $ 413,800. Both residential and commercial new construction slowed down during 2007.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1st — Property Tax Assessment Date.

June30th — Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the Ma. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.

February 1st — Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)

March 1st — Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.

March — Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the

actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.

May 1st — Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.

August 1st — Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.

November 1st — Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.

December — Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

SHAUN FITZGERALD	Chairman
WALLY FULCHER	Vice-Chairman
GERALD J. NOONAN	Clerk

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Data Processing Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and also the School Business Office. We are responsible for 18 servers, 101 desktop computers and 36 notebook computers. All of our sites are connected with our newly installed fiber optic lines except Fire Station #2 which is still connected using Cisco routers through a Verizon Point-to-Point T1. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Comcast cable modem provided by CELT/Integrity.

Last Spring the town had a contractor run our own fiber optic lines with money acquired at the previous Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2007. Those new lines have been in operation since last June 6 and have not been down once despite some severe summer storms. We now are operating at a speed of 1 Gigabyte of bandwidth between buildings (except for the T1 to Fire Station #2). Also, last summer a SAN (Storage Area Network) device was purchased and we will now begin to 'virtualize' our servers rather than replace the hardware every 5 years. This will not only save money for the town on hardware but will also be more energy efficient.

Easton also has its own custom financial package based on the Unisys Business Information Server (BIS) software. This program has been developed and maintained by our own System Designer/Programmer, Eric Davis. This program has been written with direct input from our department heads and users allowing us the freedom to design every function based on the actual work flow of each department. Not only has this enabled our employees to work more efficiently but has saved the town tens of thousands of dollars in expensive software maintenance fees annually.

There were many improvements and enhancements to the Town and Schools 11 software applications. The hi-lights are as follows. The BIS software leased from the Unisys Corporation was upgraded to a new level. This gives us more capacity and logic capabilities throughout our current applications databases. The Payroll and Personnel applications can now search and find employee information by entering part or all of an employee's name rather than their social security number. Starting with the '2008' Motor Vehicle database there is now a transaction file. This will give us better audit trails for all receipt transactions posted. A new Union dues percentage logic scheme was created to deduct union dues by percent. This percent routine is now being used for the United Steelworkers Supervisory Employees Union. And lastly all our applications now create delimited output database files (by one click of the mouse). These output files are in text file formats that can be easily accessed by other vendors and their system software (such as Excel).

Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager
Eric Davis, System Designer/Programmer

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The priority goal of the Finance Committee is to make recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and Special Town Meetings regarding the Town's finances and other matters based on our diligent reviews and expertise. Our objective is to provide sufficient, objective information about the Town's financial situation in a straightforward manner in order to assist Easton citizens in making informed decisions and choices.

The Finance Committee consists of 9 members. We generally meet once a month, increasing to once a week during the budget review season. Our criteria for meetings are: open discussion; compromise on matters where alternatives may exist or pros and cons of action/inaction come under consideration; and, ultimately, consensus that ensures the best interests of the town as a whole are met. The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing in detail the departmental budgets in advance of the ATM. We meet with Town department heads to discuss the quality and quantity of services being provided currently and as compared to historical services and services provided in comparable communities. We also discuss needs and visions for the future.

Often, decisions and choices are easy to make. Sometimes, however, we are faced with difficult choices and decisions, difficult in terms of choosing between less than ideal alternatives or making recommendations that may not be popular. The ultimate decision-making often lies with the Easton taxpayer. At one town meeting this year, the taxpayers voted to change our zoning laws to allow for 40R developments, a choice that to date has proven fruitful as it has already brought additional state funds into the town. The taxpayers also voted to approve construction of a new athletic field at the high school, a timely decision given construction costs decreased substantially. While we did not recommend the town meeting approved design funding for Frothingham Hall, we do support the overall project but simply believe the timing was not appropriate given the severe economic times. As we start our review of next year's budget, we face the same challenges as most towns in the Commonwealth: declining revenues combined with fixed costs (for example, health care premiums, retirement benefits, and utilities) continuing to consume higher levels of our budget dollars. As always, we will apply the appropriate level of scrutiny to all department requests and help to ensure the judicious use of Town funds.

Finance Committee members participate in a variety of other committees and groups throughout the year. Our members are actively involved on the Budget Subcommittee, the Capital Planning Committee, and the Audit Committee, as well as in ad hoc groups formed to address specific situations and needs. As your elected officials, we are dedicated to serving the Town of Easton.

We enjoy effective working relationships with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committee. We appreciate the efforts of all Town employees, especially the department heads, for working with us throughout the year, and look forward to continuing our mutually respectful collaboration for the benefit of the citizens of Easton.

We welcome new members Al Benson and Kim Dubois and wish to thank Stacey Lincoln for her continued dedicated services as secretary to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2008, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on short and long-range plans to meet increased programmatic, staffing, and space concerns. The support received from the citizens of Easton as a result of the successful operational override in June, 2006 was greatly appreciated, and allowed the school system in 2008 to maintain programs and positions, while continuing to address class size issues, the recommendations of the NEAS&C Accreditation Report, and increased special education and utility costs.

Also, the September, 2008 opening of both the newly renovated and expanded Oliver Ames High School and the Easton Middle School greatly enhanced the educational opportunities available to all of Easton's secondary school students.

At the same time, the collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of the students of Easton.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of the young people and adults of Easton during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

A number of staff changes were experienced by the school system during the 2008 calendar year. Retirements included High School English teacher Jean Balboni, High School Social Studies teacher and department head Edmund Hands, High School Special Education teacher William Knapp, Junior High School Nurse Ginny Robicheau, Junior High School Secretary Phyllis Gage, Moreau Hall Clerical Aide Jean Bettini, and Elementary teachers Leslie Doyle and Sandy Rizzo.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities included Secondary staff Michael Atwood, Joseph Cormier, Robert Celeste, Fran Ialenti, Vincent Mack, C.J. Neely and Lynne Davis, and Elementary staff MaryBeth Veale, Joanne Rucki, and Paul Smith.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 2008 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Approximately ninety-two percent enrolled in four-year colleges and universities, while five percent went on to junior colleges, community colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Three percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military. The class of 2008 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

Students continued to achieve well above national levels in the SATs. The Advanced Placement test scores in English Literature and Composition, United States History, American Political Science, Spanish, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Calculus indicated that approximately seventy-five percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. High school students also

earned Commended Student status in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Easton students continued to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities with area colleges, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had high school students shadow local employers for a day in many of the area companies to learn about a previously selected occupation. Students were also involved in Career Speaker Day, in which speakers from a myriad number of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually. In addition, the department continued for a second year it's new organization, DECA (part of the Distributive Education Clubs of America), which is an international association of students studying marketing and management in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service.

High school and middle school students were again involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its sixteenth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts. Also, a number of Oliver Ames High School students participated in the American Legion Girls State program in late spring, and in the Boys State program that was held at Stonehill College in June.

At the middle school, Peer Assistant Leaders provided assistance to students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 5 and grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools who would be moving to the middle school in September, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the middle school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed ninety-five new members into the Society and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Lions Club Auction and tutoring students after school.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the middle school is the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. Also at the middle school, the guidance staff worked closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for middle school students. Programs offered included sports activities, a homework club, Spanish club, videography club and computer club.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that Easton students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. A number of high school and middle school students were selected to participate in the state-wide *Boston Globe* Art Awards competition, and a Silver Key was earned by Kristen DeCouto of the high school, while Honorable Mentions were earned by Stefan Capobianco and Jessica Flanzbaum of the high school. Senior Erica Grossman won the first place award in the 9th Congressional District Art Show, and her work was displayed at a special exhibition in Washington, D.C.
Twenty-two middle school students participated in the SMARTS Middle School Art Show, and elementary students Dana Laboutina and Gillie DiAntonio were first place winners in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Additional elementary students had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest, with Hannah Ashton the first-place winner in grade three, Michelle Foote the first-place winner in grade four, and Olivia Mileika the first-place winner in grade five. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the Central Administration office, the Fuller Art Museum, Borderland State Park, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

A busy and productive Art Club continued at the high school. Members of the Art Club completed both a beautiful wall mural of the historic Easton Gatehouse, as well as a Senior Mural. Both murals are located on stairwells in the high school.

In Music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard competed in numerous competitions and exhibitions this fall under the direction of the Band Director, Mr. Robert Wheeler. The Band received a four star rating in the annual MICCA Championships, (the highest rating in Division I and 2), First Place in both the New Bedford and King Phillip USSBA Competitions, and won the USSBA New

England States Championship in New Britain, Connecticut, an outstanding accomplishment. The band concluded their season marching in the Veteran's Day Parade and the Lion's Holiday Festival Parade in Easton.

Students in the OAHS Show Choir and the Pit Band participated in the 23rd Anniversary Baystate Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted more than 325 students from Easton and ten other communities across New England and Canada during the two-day festival. The Show Choir entered the Mill City Festival in Lowell, earning a Silver Medal, while the Pit Band received a Gold Medal for their performance. Both bands received Gold Medals at the Central Mass Show Choir Festival in Dudley and the Eastern Show Choir Competition, while the Jazz Band received a Silver Medal at the Norwood Jazz Classic and performed at the Berklee Jazz Festival, where they placed Second in their division of seventeen bands. The Show Choir also performed at the Eastern Show Choir Competition at the end of March and received a Gold Medal, as well as the Best Instrumental Award and the designation as "Grand Champion." Lauren Maggio received the award as Best Female Vocalist.

The Concert Choir and Marching Band performed at the Easton Lions Club Winter Festival, while students selected to participate in the Southeast District Music Festival included Justin Gillis, Jeanine Ilacqua, Lauren Maggio, and Nicky Maggio from the Concert Choir, Guy Fredericks, Maria Hadge, Charles Hourihan and Stephanie Mascary from the Orchestra, and Jennifer Shea from the Concert Band. Two Easton students, Lauren Maggio and Nicky Maggio were chosen for the Allstate Chorus, while Maria Hadge was selected for the Allstate Orchestra.

In the junior high school, sixteen students were chosen for the Southeast District Music Festival, with students being accepted into the festival in orchestra, band and chorus. Also, the EJHS Show Choir received a Silver Medal at the Classic Music Festival in Somerset, and the EJIHS Jazz Band earned a Gold Medal for their performance at the Stoughton IAJE Junior Jazz Festival. At the end of May, all five ensembles from EJHS performed at the Great East Festival in West Springfield. The Chorus and Jazz Band received the highest "Platinum" Medals, and the Band, Orchestra and Show Choir received Gold Medals for their performances.
The 2008 OAHS musical production of "Hello Dolly," directed by Mrs. Dalrymple and performed in the new high school auditorium, was an outstanding production and excellent learning experience for the students in the cast and the numerous staff and parents who took part. The collective participation of all the individuals who worked on the show helped to make the show a rousing success.

At the elementary level, concerts were held in January and May at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz band, show choir and the concert bands. Fourth graders participated in the two spring concerts held in May. Also in the spring, Richardson students under the direction of Carol Allen, and Olmsted students under the direction of Ginny Elson, presented school sponsored performances with over one hundred students in each school participating in the two programs. In the three primary schools, students participated in musical tributes on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and individual schools held many end-of-the-year musical productions with outstanding student participation and individual and group performances.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program, the Facing History and Ourselves program at grade 9, National History Day at grade 8, the two day Hockornock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest, school Geography Bees, the Easton Film Festival, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

Katrina Bastian was the winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Speech contest, while National History Day winners included Lauren McParland, Nicolas Hasan, Kevin Swanson, Michael Edwards, Jack Davis, An Lashkari, and Robin Loewald. Samantha Farrell was selected this year for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

In the Foreign Language Department, ten Spanish V students and their chaperone, Maria Vera, participated

in the Exchange Program to La Mojonera, Spain. The trip included stays in Almeria, Granada, Toledo and Madrid. Six students from Spain and their teacher spent two weeks in Easton as part of this exchange program. Also, Claire Planeta accompanied two other groups of students on trips abroad. One group went to Forge-les—-Eaux, France, while the other group went to Pompeii, Naples and Rome, Italy.

Students continued to achieve in the various languages, with students who were recognized through the National Latin exam in either Maxima or Magma Cum Laude including Lydia Mullen, Emily Dias, Stephanie Foster, Samantha Seserman, Ashley Silverstein, Kyle Tagen and Anna Trilleras. Also, three graduating seniors were presented outstanding achievement awards: Lauren Silverstein in Latin, Doug Leonard in French, and Kiana Fernandez in Spanish.

In Family and Consumer Sciences students again baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children and the HUGS organization, donated hand sewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbecues for the three junior high school classes. At OAHS, the "Visiting Chefs" program continued to be a highly popular interdisciplinary addition to the school year. Local chefs from Easton and surrounding communities, including Chef Jim Messinger and
Chef Mike Mattola, volunteered their expertise in the field to benefit the development of student skills.

In the English Department, sixteen students were recognized for their appreciation of language and literature and received a copy of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. The fourth annual Charlene Howarth Award was presented to Erica Grossman, who received a volume of Dante's Trilogy The Divine Comedy. Also, Kate Alves and Delia Clifford received the *Innisfree* Extraordinary Award recognition.

The Physical Education Department continued with the inclusion of "Quidditch" as part of the elementary curriculum. "Quidditch" provides a medium for interdisciplinary teaching and learning by applying imagery from reading lessons to an adaptation of the game of lacrosse. Classroom activities and current events are connected with meaningful experiences in physical education that foster school spirit, respect, responsibility, and good sportsmanship. At the high school, students focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance. These are then kept in student portfolios. Also, the secondary level implemented a new curriculum guide that reflects a wellness approach based on the *Physical Best* philosophy, a nationally recognized program that emphasizes personal improvement and lifetime activity.

Mathematics students in the secondary schools continued to score well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam, the SAT test, and Advanced Placement exams. This was the fourth year that Oliver Ames offered both the AB and BC level Advanced Placement Calculus courses, as well as Algebra III/Trigonometry. Also, the OAHS Mathematics Team, led by Mrs. McGuirk with students from Algebra II to AP Calculus, was quite successful on the challenging tests provided by the American Scholastic Mathematics Association . Students on the junior high school Mathematics Team, led by Ms. Porter, once again excelled in the American Mathematics competition.

In the Science Department, at the grade 9 level, the physical science program moved into its seventh year of operation, utilizing technology grant money to support this initiative with laptop computers and state-of-the-art data collection probes. The middle school engineering technology program again included grade 8 students, affording them practical problem solving experience and preparatory skills for the grade 9 physical sciences program.

At the high school level, the Oliver Ames High School Science Team, under the supervision of coaches Ms. Annunziato and Mrs. Donohue, competed in the regional Science Olympiad Competition. Oliver Ames earned the second place award in the competition.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas

to be highlighted are the following: the "Jump Rope for Heart" initiative; the Science Olympiad, through the coordination of the high school Science Team; the annual school-wide art shows at both the Richardson School and the Olmsted School; the Biography Wax Museum for grade five students at Richardson; the district-wide grade 3 Family Science Night; the Bullying Education Program for grade 4 and grade 5 students, sponsored by Kids CARE and the Easton Family Task Force; Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Nights; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee; and, "A Living History," a collaboration between the Richardson School and the Ames Free Library.

Other elementary activities included ongoing community service endeavors; the Dr. Seuss' birthday reading celebration activities; the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions; the continued success shown by students in the New England
Math League; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the SAFE Fire Safety Program; the Northeast Search Dogs Program; the Read Across America Program; the Operation Mail Call; the Lions Club Peace Poster International Contest; the World of Difference curriculum; Portfolio Breakfasts; and, individual school programs for students such as student councils, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, reading incentive programs, family math, science, technology and literacy nights, summer reading programs, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

One of the most significant factors in increasing student achievement is teacher effectiveness, which is clearly enhanced by providing high quality professional development for teachers. Staff members continued to build upon their knowledge base by participating in a number of both in-house and off-site professional development programs. In 2008, more than a third of the professional staff also participated in coursework at area colleges and universities. In addition, twenty-two professional development workshop programs, many of which included multiple sessions, were conducted on-site.

As part of the Easton Public Schools Mentor Program, all first and second year professional staff members received guidance and support from a trained mentor. Seventy-six mentors and new staff members worked together in this mentor program.

The school district's Standing Task Force for English Language Arts and Reading (STELAR) continued to lead the efforts to increase student achievement in reading. As part of this effort, during the 2008 school year all K-6 teachers participated in a half-day professional development program that was conducted by Mrs. Stephanie Harvey, a nationally recognized author and consultant in the teaching of reading comprehension strategies. During her visit to the school system, Mrs. Harvey also facilitated discussion groups with teachers and administrators. Her work is grounded in the components of a multi-sensory, active literacy leaming approach. STELAR has completed an action plan for the school district to build on and sustain Mrs. Harvey's work.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, the district's Strategic Action Plan, and components of standards driven curriculum as performance based assessments. Ten standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Mathematics, co-chaired by Vanessa Beauchaine and Mary Romans; Science, chaired by Gary Mazzola, Maria Annunziato and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; English/Language Arts, chaired by Joan Nicholaides, Debra DiCenso and Robert Smith; Health, co-chaired by Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, chaired by Chris Margulies; Physical Education, chaired by Christine Powers; Social Studies, cochaired by Patrick Lucier and Debra Salisbury; World Languages, co-chaired by Ron Riley and Bob Smith; Music, chaired by Charlene Dalrymple; and Art, chaired by Christine DiVirgilio.

Several of the committees completed new curriculum documents in 2008 which were approved by the Easton School Committee for implementation. These included the K-6 English/Language Arts Curriculum,

which was realigned with state frameworks and standards with new district-wide assessments developed for each grade level; Physical Education, grades 6— 8; Science and Health, grades 7 and 8; and, College and Advanced Accounting at the high school.
Curriculum areas scheduled for review during the 2008-2009 school year include K-6 Social studies, K-S Physical education, and Chemistry at the high school level.

The school system completed its curriculum revision cycle in Mathematics (K-8). The Everyday Math program was implemented in grades K-3 for the 2005-2006 school year, the grade 4-6 implementation of the Everyday Math program took place at the Olmsted and Richardson schools in September, 2006 for the 2006-2007 school year, and in September, 2007, grades 7 and 8 implemented the McDougal-Littell program for the Foundations of Pre-Algebra, Pre-Algebra and Algebra I classes.

In the spring of 2008, the expanded version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing program was administered. Students in grades 3, 4, *5,* 6, 7, 8 and 10 participated in the MCAS. Following the release of the results in late September, parent meetings were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies. Once again, Easton ranked in the top twenty-five percent of all school districts in Massachusetts.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, and approximately *25%* participated in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams did extremely well this past year. In the winter season, both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams did well in the Hockomock League and participated in the State Tournament. The ice hockey team also participated in the State Tournament, completing a successful season with a first round win. The boys' and girls' winter track teams excelled in State Tournament competition, and the girls' track team finished in first place in the Hockomock League with an undefeated record.

In the spring season, the boys' varsity baseball team once again reached the State Tournament, winning the first two tournament games. The girls' softball team also qualified for the State Tournament, as did both the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams.

In spring track, both the boys' and girls' teams placed student-athletes in the State Tournament. In the Boys Class Meet, Mike Moverman won the mile, while the 4x800 team were State Champs. In the Girls Class Meet, Jenna Davidner won the 2 mile, while Michelle Sirois won the 400 meter race.

This past fall, the girls' varsity soccer team won the Hockomock League title, losing in the South Sectional game of the State Tournament.

The girls' cross country team won the Hockomock League title with an undefeated record in the league, and placed second in the All-State Meet. Individually, Jenna Davidner took second place in the All-State Meet. The boys' cross country team finished second in the All-State Meet, with Mike Moverman individually placing first at his distance, and being named Gatorade Runner of the Year in Massachusetts.

The field hockey team also went into the State Tournament, while the golf team once again qualified for State Tournament action.

In addition to the 24 varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 14 junior varsity programs, 6 freshman programs and 6 other programs at the junior high school.
The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The creation six years ago of the Hall of Fame in Easton also evidenced the wonderful support and direction provided by

the residents of the town. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the emotional, financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

This past year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. We continue to be extremely concerned about inadequate State Aid and the availability of appropriate resources to meet the expectations that we have for ourselves and our student population. Nevertheless, we are grateful for our many blessings. We greatly appreciate the support of the Easton community that resulted in the successful passage of the operational override; the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, and our various booster groups; the extraordinary efforts of F.E.E.E. and the S.A.F.E. organization; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April's town election, Caroline O'Neill was elected to her sixth three-year term; Rebecca Turley, who had been appointed to the Committee in June of 2007, per town charter, was elected to a three-year term; and Dr. William Braun was elected to a one-year term, having already served on the Committee for twelve years.

For the School Department, there were a number of significant developments in 2008. The word-of-the-year was "transition." At the opening of school in September, over half of our students and a third of our faculty found themselves in different school buildings than they had occupied the previous spring. Both second and third graders moved up to the H. H. Richardson and F. L. Olmsted Schools, where they joined the previous year's fourth graders to create a new grade 3-5 elementary configuration. Third grade faculty from Center, Parkview and Moreau Hall Schools transferred to the Olmsted and Richardson Schools, as well, and sixth grade faculty from HHR/FLO moved to the Easton Middle School, which now houses sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Newly minted ninth graders (last year's grade 8) moved up to the high school, along with the new tenth graders, resulting in a 50 percent student body change for Oliver Ames, and a 66 per cent change at the Middle School. Most of the ninth grade faculty also moved to the high school. The principals and other administrators, under the direction of the Superintendent, and with tremendous support from faculty, parents, and students, planned and successfully implemented the largest movement of students and staff in the history of the Easton Public Schools. It is a tribute to our talented and dedicated school employees that this major shift in personnel and resources was accomplished essentially without a hitch.

The reconfiguration of our schools, which addresses longstanding overcrowding, was made possible by the renovation and expansion of our Middle School (formerly the Easton Junior High School) and of the Oliver Ames High School. The Easton School Committee remains extraordinarily grateful to the many individuals and groups who made these projects possible: the grassroots organization, STEPS, which spearheaded the effort to convince voters to support the expansion and renovation of the two schools; the citizens of Easton, who voted "yes" at the ballot box, not once, but twice, to fund the projects; the members of the School Planning Committee and the Municipal Building Committee, who provided critical oversight during both the planning and implementation stages of the project; the exceptional project manager and the visionary architectural firm, who ensured that these two schools would make the residents of Easton proud for decades to come; the secondary school administrators, Principal Wesley Paul and Assistant Principal Marc Brockman at the high school and Principal John Guiggio and Assistant Principal Luke Carroll at the Middle School, who worked tirelessly to maintain an atmosphere of calm, of business-as-usual, during construction, and who endured endless planning sessions to ensure that the continual environmental changes occurring in their schools would have as little impact as possible on student instruction; the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Michael Green, who acted as liaison with all key groups and personnel to make certain that questions, concerns, obstacles were addressed quickly and effectively; faculty and students, who managed to take a sometimes chaotic educational setting in stride; and the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William Simmons, who provided the leadership at every stage to motivate an enthusiastic, highly skilled, and cohesive transition team.

In the spring, Town Meeting voted to move forward with construction of a new athletic field complex, a project that will include accessible bleachers and press box, a new track, and an artificial turf field, at Oliver Ames High School. The turf will be funded through private donations, and the Town is financing the remainder of the project through bonding. The project bids came in under projections, and construction is now underway, with completion anticipated on or before July 31, 2009. Members of the Friends of the Easton Community Athletic Complex (FOECAC), in particular Chairman Fred Murray and Selectman John Haederle, deserve significant recognition and appreciation for their work in developing the concept for the

project, in researching various design options, in raising hinds, and in garnering broad based community support for the project.
A budget of $30,568,476 allowed the School Department to maintain essential academic and co-curricular programs.
A few critical gaps in personnel were filled, and there was a corresponding elimination of several other positions.
Higher special education tuition charges, as well as escalating utility, fuel, and health insurance costs, absorbed a
substantial portion of the modest increase over the prior year's budget.

Despite Easton's successful operational override in June of 2006, only a handful of K- 12 school systems in the Commonwealth currently spend less each year to educate a child. Our per pupil expenditure remains more than $1500 lower than the state average. We must continue to be creative in our efforts to meet the challenges presented by our relatively low funding per student. Nevertheless, we remain grateful to the citizens of Easton for voting to provide additional financial support for our schools, and we are tremendously proud of our students' many accomplishments and of our extraordinarily talented staff.

Easton students continue to excel on a number of fronts. All of our seniors met the MCAS graduation requirement, as they have every year since the inception of the high stakes test. Ninety-seven per cent of the Oliver Ames class of 2008 went on to pursue higher education, with 92 per cent enrolling in four-year colleges and universities, and 5 per cent attending community colleges or technical institutes. Our students continue to score above state averages on the MCAS at every level, and to exceed national averages on the SAT's, advanced placement exams, and other standardized tests. Not surprisingly, students' performance outside the classroom is as impressive as their academic achievement. Year after year, students in the Easton Public Schools receive countless accolades and awards for their accomplishments in music, athletics, and visual arts.

During the year, the School Committee approved new curricula in the following subjects: Integrated Science for
Grades 7 - 8; Health for Grades 7 - 8; College Accounting for Grades 10 - 12; Advanced Accounting for Grades 11 -
12; Physical Education for Grades 6 - 8; and English Language Arts for Grades K - 6. Members of the School
Committee were active in numerous committees and initiatives in 2008, including the Foundation for Excellence in
Education in Easton (FEEE), the Municipal Building Committee, the Budget Subcommittee, the Curriculum
Coordinating Council, the Activate Easton Committee, the Campaign for Oliver Ames High School, and the Audit
Committee. The Committee participated in Annual and Special Town Meetings, the New Teacher Orientation
Program, the All-District Opening Day Program, the Dedication Ceremony for the newly expanded and renovated
Easton Middle School and Oliver Ames High School, and numerous other school-based activities and events.

In September, Dr. William Simmons announced publicly that he would be retiring from his position as Superintendent of Schools in August of 2009. He has served as Superintendent since August of 1993. He previously held the positions of Director of Special Services and of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, having joined the School Department in Easton in the summer of 1976. The school community has reacted to Dr. Simmons' impending retirement with a deep sense of loss and some trepidation. His steady hand has steered the district through many challenges and exciting changes. His persistent and focused advocacy were essential to the success of major initiatives to seek additional, and critical, funding for the schools through two debt exclusion overrides and one operational override. The widespread respect that Dr. Simmons commands in the community was no small factor in the decision of the citizens of Easton to support these important endeavors. Consistent with the vision and the mission of the Easton Public Schools,

he has always concentrated, first and foremost, on the educational needs of students, and he has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to a brighter future for our children and our town. Dr. Simmons' ability to inspire, to energize, and to guide his staff—administrators, faculty, support personnel—has been an essential factor in the development of a high performing and highly regarded school system. The School Committee, although saddened by his planned departure, wishes Dr. Simmons happiness and good fortune in retirement, and many blissful hours playing with his two young grandchildren, Zoe and Benjamin Simmons.

In the fall of 2008, the School Committee hired a consultant to assist with the search for a new superintendent. By the end of the calendar year, the consultant had conducted focus groups with multiple constituencies, including principals and other administrators, teachers and staff, parents, and the School Committee, in an effort to learn what characteristics were viewed as most important in a superintendent of schools, and what challenges were considered most critical to address in the first six to twelve months of the new superintendent's tenure. During the early months of 2009, the School Committee will review applications, and will conduct screening interviews of semi-finalists. It is expected that three to five finalists will emerge by the end of February, and that finalist interviews and site visits will take place in March. The School Committee anticipates that a new superintendent will be appointed by early April, 2009, and will begin his or her duties on July 1, 2009. This will allow time for Dr. Simmons and his replacement to work together to ensure a successful transition in leadership.

The School Committee extends its congratulations and very best wishes to retirees Jean Balboni, Jean Bettini, Leslie Doyle, Philip Gilbride, Edmund Hands, William Knapp, Maureen Leahy, Sandra Rizzo, and Virginia Robicheau. We feel extremely fortunate to have been the beneficiaries over that past several decades of the cumulative skill, talent, and experience of these outstanding members of the Easton Public Schools faculty and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline O'Neill, Chair

Dawn Marie Boynton, Vice Chair

William P. Braun, Ph.D.

Jane Martin

Rebecca Turley

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ralph Armstead, School Committee Member

Overview

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty-six vocational/technical training programs at its four-year high school and full-year post-secondary program at the Southeastern Technical Institute. In 2007-2008, the School Committee included Winnifred Petkunas, Chairperson, and Wayne McAllister—Brockton; Eric Greene—East Bridgewater; Ralph Armstead—Easton; Robert Girardin—Foxborough; William Flannery—Mansfield; Christopher DeLeo—Norton; Mindy Kempner—Sharon; Roberta Harback—Stoughton; and Robert Sullivan—West Bridgewater. Luis Lopes is the Superintendent of Schools. On October 1, 2007, there were 1,233 students enrolled in the high school, 123 adults were enrolled in the day program and over 300 attended the many evening programs. There were 64 students attending from Easton.

High School

Under the direction of Principal David Wheeler, the Southeastern Regional High School offered twenty-one vocational-technical programs for the high school students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The school's mission is to unite our learning community by teaching and developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to lead lives of responsibility and achievement.

Southeastern Regional High School graduated 241 students in June, 2008, and had 98% of the seniors pass the state required MCAS test. The Class of 2008 graduates also had a ninety-eight percent placement rate in full-time jobs, the military or post-secondary education.

Southeastern academics have continued to be strengthened over the past year, as evidenced by the school meeting its Adequate Yearly Progress Targets in all subgroups. Tenth grade MCAS scores in mathematics went up significantly and English scores have risen as well. Southeastern is also offering its first Advanced Placement classes, including AP Literature and Composition. Additionally, physics was added as a science class for seniors, and junior/senior remediation courses were added for students who have not yet passed MCAS. In terms of curriculum, Southeastern continues to develop district-level common assessments across content areas, and continues to focus on using data to revise curriculum and provide individual student support.

The Program Advisory Committees, comprised of industry representatives, parents and students, met in the fall and spring to discuss and provide recommendations to assist the high school and Technical Institute to stay current with technology and other progress in their fields. The vocational programs of study were Advertising and Design, Automotive Technology, Cabinetmaking, Collision Repair, Computer Aided Drafting, Computer Information Technology, Computer Office Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electricity, Electronics, Environmental Technology, Graphic Communications, Health Services, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning), Machine Technology, Metal Fabrication, Plumbing, and Retail & Marketing.

Southeastern Regional, like other district high schools, offers a wide range of interscholastic sports programs at all levels for boys and girls and competes in the Mayflower League. Southeastern Regional's Varsity Football Team played in the Massachusetts Vocational Super Bowl, the Lady Hawks Basketball Team won the Mayflower League Championship, and the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams as well as the Baseball team played in the State Tournaments. Next year, we plan to add a Girls' JV Soccer Team and a Girls' Lacrosse Club Team.

Tech Prep, a program designed to provide students with a wide variety of activities and opportunities to explore postsecondary educational options as well as career opportunities, had over 200 participants. They participated in such varied activities as career and college workshops, college placement testing and

admissions counseling, leadership training, college and business tours and summer technology camp. Many students completed college courses after school through programs at Massasoit Community College and Bristol Community College as well as during the summer. Southeastern students matriculating at post-secondary institutions were also eligible for articulated credit. Tech Prep's initiatives, open to all registered students with good academic and behavioral records at Southeastern, seek to encourage students to make choices academically and in their vocational programs that will lead to successful college and career experiences.

There are also many extracurricular activities such as clubs, community service programs, and the traditional honor societies to assist students in our nine communities to develop mind and body. Several Southeastern students medaled in the Massachusetts SkillsUSA district and state competitions.

Technical Institute

Southeastern Technical Institute, the adult and community educational component of the Southeastern Regional School District, provides five full-time day diploma programs, five part-time diploma and certificate programs, and three semesters of evening school classes each year to the southeast communities. STI Director Beverly Pusateri oversees the operation of the Technical Institute. Last year STI served over 132 adults in the day programs and over 300 adults in the evening programs. The school's mission is to provide adults with the education and skills for gainful, meaningful employment. To accomplish this, STI is constantly investigating new and emerging career paths, working with community agencies and employers to define the skills needed for employment in a career field with employment potential, advancement, and growth. The full-time day programs include Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Medical Assisting and Practical Nurse. The evening programs include: Massage Therapy, Medical Health Claims Specialist, PC Specialists, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse.

The evening school has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three night per week courses. The class offerings focus on career courses that enhance one's skills for present employment or ready a person for a new career path. A focus is placed on providing courses that have met national standards and provide national certification. Course information is distributed via a printed brochure mailed three times a year and by the website www.sti-tech.info.

Southeastern Technical Institute also worked closely with area businesses offering customized training to meet the needs of area companies in Machine Technology, Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeship classes, Electronics, Cabinetmaking and HVAC. STI also provided certificate courses in OSHA, EPA, Oil Burner and ServSafe certification. Also, various computer classes at all levels in AutoCAD, Excel, Word, QuickBooks and web design have been offered to the general public and customized programs developed for area companies. More and more companies are recognizing the valuable resources of the expert teaching staff and facilities available at STI.

Southeastern also partnered with community agencies such as CareerWorks, Pine Street Inn, Mass Rehab, Displaced Homemakers, Department of Employment and Training, Workforce Investment Board, the City of Brockton Mayor's Office on Higher Education, and the MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce offering adult educational programs.

Southeastern students and staff have completed thousands of hours in community service as part of their educational experience. The Practical Nursing programs, both day and evening, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, and Massage Therapy all have internships/clinical experiences as part of the curriculum requirement for graduation.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2008 EASTON GRADUATES

Brian Baker
May-Carmelle Beliard
Michele Galante
Matthew Gilmore
Kelsie Harrington
Justin Jacinto
Dominic Meninno
Jeremy Miller
Jonathan Phillips
Ronald Powell
Frederick Williams

Report of the Town Collector
for the Year Ending June 30, 2008

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2007	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Tranfers to Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2008
Personal Property						
Prior Years	1,910	-	-	-		1,910
2004	2,085	-	-	-		2,085
2005	6,877	-	-	-	-	6,877
2006	5,830	-	-	-	-	5,830
2007	1,354	-	654	-	1,018	(318)
2008		412,758	825	-	409,296	2,637
	$ 18,056	$ 412,758	$ 1,479	$ -	$ 410,314	$ 19,021
Real Estate						
Prior Years	520	-	-	-	-	520
2006	793	-	-	-	2,048	(1,254)
2007	502,273	70,764	31,446	91,835	443,385	6,371
2008	(15,992)	37,273,390	224,482	232,123	36,066,909	733,884
2009					22,692	(22,692)
	$ 487,594	$ 37,344,154	$ 255,927	$ 323,958	$ 36,535,034	$ 716,828
Motor Vehicle Excise						
Prior years	71,809	-	-	-	1,133	70,676
2004	19,569	-	-	-	2,463	17,105
2005	22,917	9,938	7,240	-	8,856	16,758
2006	58,643	64,789	22,331	-	72,519	28,583
2007	352,138	481,237	56,493	-	688,774	88,107
2008		2,716,849	105,359	-	2,340,948	270,542
	$ 525,076	$ 3,272,812	$ 191,423	$ -	$ 3,114,693	$ 491,772
Trash User Fees						
2008	31,594	599,682	71,953	-	538,800	20,523
2009		186,200	3,540	-	138,378	44,282
	$ 31,594	$ 785,882	$ 75,493	$ -	$ 677,179	$ 64,804
Water Rates and Services	$ 274,711	$ 3,331,802	$ 21	$ 184,337	$ 3,095,133	$ 327,021

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Bank Accounts	Balance June 30, 2007	+ Receipts	-Payments	Balance June 30, 2008
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	$ 17,595,508.60	$ 104,105,205.35	$ 101,744,517.47	$ 19,956,196.48
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	$ 2,051,665.58	$ 535,786.92	$ -	$ 2,587,452.50
Conservation Fund	$ 868,940.90	$ 38,047.32	$ 109,930.00	$ 797,058.22
Unemployment Compensation	$ 61,639.20	$ 2,674.36	$ 10,764.00	$ 53,549.56
Police Forefeiture Account	$ 7,199.85	$ 232.41	$ 425.00	$ 7,007.26
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	$ 7,315.33	$ 290.48	$ 290.48	$ 7,315.33
Mary Stone Library Fund	$ 5,959.82	$ 169.56		$ 6,129.38
Subtotal	$ 3,002,720.68	$ 577,201.05	$ 121,409.48	$ 3,458,512.25
				$ -
Scholarship Funds				$ -
Ellen Atwood	$ 2,224.75	$ 63.30		$ 2,288.05
Parker Ames	$ 133,548.42	$ 2,648.59	$ 22,656.31	$ 113,540.70
Mary A. Stone	$ 6,593.20	$ 187.59		$ 6,780.79
World War Memorial	$ 52,410.21	$ 1,989.98	$ 1,300.00	$ 53,100.19
Young	$ 3,334.40	$ 94.86		$ 3,429.26
Subtototal	$ 198,110.98	$ 4,984.32	$ 23,956.31	$ 179,138.99
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				
Furnace Village Cemetery	$ 23,160.30	$ 658.94		$ 23,819.24
Pine Grove Cemetery	$ 4,053.00	$ 115.31		$ 4,168.31
Immaculate Conception	$ 8,182.65	$ 232.80		$ 8,415.45
South Easton	$ 10,657.91	$ 303.23		$ 10,961.14
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	$ 14,273.13	$ 1,716.36		$ 15,989.49
Subtotal	$ 60,326.99	$ 3,026.64	$ -	$ 63,353.63
Total Cash	$ 20,856,667.25	$ 104,690,417.36	$ 101,889,883.26	$ 23,657,201.35

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2007			**$574,012.17**
Additions:			
New Tax Takings	$	372,818.14	
Deductions:			
Redemptions:	$	192,607.99	
Deferrals	$	8,896.85	
Balance - June 30, 2008			**$745,325.47**

Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2008

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2007	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2008	Interest Paid in FY2008
Buildings	80,000.00		20,000.00	60,000.00	3,430.00
Departmental Equipment	250,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	175,000.00	9,063.00
School Buildings	20,075,000.00	0.00	765,000.00	19,310,000.00	856,081.00
School - All Other	1,520,000.00		95,000.00	1,425,000.00	55,338.00
Sewer	233,148.00	36,934.00	132,784.00	137,298.00	5,109.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	3,363,260.00	0.00	435,400.00	2,927,860.00	147,677.00
SUB - TOTAL Inside	$25,521,408.00	$36,934.00	$1,523,184.00	$24,035,158.00	$1,076,698.00

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2007	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2008	Interest Paid in FY2008
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	14,030,000.00	0.00	1,135,000.00	12,895,000.00	593,746.00
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	3,986,740.00	0.00	304,600.00	3,682,140.00	157,208.00
Water	3,515,000.00	0.00	595,000.00	2,920,000.00	134,916.00
Other Outside	99,371.00	0.00	7,657.00	91,714.00	5,162.00
SUB - TOTAL Outside	$21,631,111.00	$0.00	$2,042,257.00	$19,588,854.00	$891,032.00
TOTAL Long Term Debt	$47,152,519.00	$36,934.00	$3,565,441.00	$43,624,012.00	$1,967,730.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2007	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2008	Interest Paid in FY2008
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	664,000.00	785,000.00	664,000.00	785,000.00	24,541.00
School Buildings	6,367,000.00	6,290,000.00	6,367,000.00	6,290,000.00	235,324.00
Sewer				0.00	
Water	450,000.00	390,000.00	450,000.00	390,000.00	16,632.00
Other BANs	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	3,989.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	$7,581,000.00	$7,465,000.00	$7,581,000.00	$7,465,000.00	$280,486.00
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	$54,733,519.00	$7,501,934.00	$11,146,441.00	$51,089,012.00	$2,248,216.00

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2008
Library	09/07/06	4	700,000.00	664,000.00	36,000.00
Septic WMPAT	05/11/98	60	200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
Water Addition	06/04/01	8	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
Library Access Rd	05/20/02	12	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
School	01/13/03	22	66,000,000.00	53,372,391.00	12,627,609.00
School	12/07/04	5	13,525,935.00	0.00	13,525,935.00
Water Tank	06/12/06	28	600,000.00	450,000.00	150,000.00
Capital Improvements	05/21/07	23	425,000.00	265,000.00	160,000.00
School Boilers	05/19/08	11	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Valentine Muscato Stadium	05/19/08	11	1,400,000.00	0.00	1,400,000.00
Ambulance & Police Cruiser	05/19/08	11	230,000.00	0.00	230,000.00
					$28,991,887.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	$0.00

TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	$28,991,887.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2007	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2008	Interest Paid in FY2008
	100,000.00		100,000.00	0.00	3,989.00
	6,000,000.00		6,000,000.00	0.00	221,760.00
	450,000.00		450,000.00	0.00	16,632.00
	367,000.00		367,000.00	0.00	13,564.00
	664,000.00		664,000.00	0.00	24,541.00
		6,000,000.00		6,000,000.00	
		390,000.00		390,000.00	
		290,000.00		290,000.00	
		520,000.00		520,000.00	
		265,000.00		265,000.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	7,581,000.00	7,465,000.00	7,581,000.00	7,465,000.00	280,486.00

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, which includes the balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit.

Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts. We received an unqualified or "clean" opinion from them.

During the summer of 2008, the accounting department, Collector/Treasurer and School Business Office worked together to evaluate various financial accounting software packages to replace the existing system. Purchase of a new system was recommended by the Board of Selectmen and funded at the fall town meeting. Since that time, my staff has worked diligently to implement the first phase of migration, which is payroll beginning January 1, 2009. The remaining software modules will be phased in over the first half of 2009 in preparation for a July 1, 2009 implementation. I would personally like to recognize and thank both my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Margaret "Peg" Horne for their initiative and dedication to the Town of Easton during this transition. It could not have been successful without their hard work.

I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	5,335,870.23	9,835,407.78	1,829,730.92	1,872,759.39	4,783,433.06	-	23,657,201.38
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	720,480.87	30,935.92	-	-	-	-	751,416.79
Personal property taxes	19,020.61	-	-	-	-	-	19,020.61
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,107,975.92	-	-	-	-	-	1,107,975.92
Water user charges receivable	-	-	-	1,089,744.95	-	-	1,089,744.95
Water liens	-	-	-	18,135.96	-	-	18,135.96
Betterments	-	45,204.62	-	57,712.26	-	-	102,916.88
Trash collection fees receivable	-	-	-	64,804.13	-	-	64,804.13
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	491,772.12	-	-	-	-	-	491,772.12
Departmental and other	598,657.13	108,869.04	-	-	138,800.00	-	846,326.17
Intergovernmental	39,151.60	666,834.39	-	-	-	-	705,985.99
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(497,687.44)	-	-	-	-	-	(497,687.44)
Inventory	-	-	-	71,388.24	-	-	71,388.24
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	34,430,073.26	-	-	34,430,073.26
Other assets	818.00	-	-	-	-	-	818.00
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	40,372,174.03	40,372,174.03
Total Assets	7,816,059.04	10,687,251.75	1,829,730.92	37,604,618.19	4,922,233.06	40,372,174.03	103,232,066.99
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	400,382.06	186,049.68	178,815.30	319,827.07	44,463.69	-	1,129,537.80
Accrued liabilities	776,121.91	19,785.98	-	149,003.41	1,550.00	-	946,461.30
Retainage Payable	-	-	2,182,088.94	-	-	-	2,182,088.94
Deferred revenue	2,440,219.21	851,843.97	-	64,804.13	138,800.00	-	3,495,667.31
Tax refunds payable	115,292.32	1,448.98	-	-	-	-	116,741.30
Other liabilities	168,028.52	718.31	-	-	1,017,220.19	-	1,185,967.02
Notes payable	-	-	7,075,000.00	390,000.00	-	-	7,465,000.00
General long-term debt	-	-	-	3,296,978.50	-	40,372,174.03	43,669,152.53
Total Liabilities	3,900,044.02	1,059,846.92	9,435,904.24	4,220,613.11	1,202,033.88	40,372,174.03	60,190,616.20
Fund Equity:							
Contributed capital	-	-	-	18,921,411.00	-	-	18,921,411.00
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	240,398.79	-	-	240,398.79
Unreserved	-	-	-	14,222,195.29	-	-	14,222,195.29
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	146,947.77	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	151,947.77
Reserved for continuing appropriations	582,380.20	-	-	-	-	-	582,380.20
Reserved for expenditures	747,281.00	1,812,093.71	-	-	355,514.00	-	2,914,888.71
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	-	74,295.69	-	74,295.69
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	520,114.55	-	-	-	-	-	520,114.55
Reserved for petty cash	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	600.00
Unreserved:							
Designated for snow & ice deficit	(259,867.32)	-	-	-	-	-	(259,867.32)
Undesignated	2,178,558.82	7,810,311.12	(7,606,173.32)	-	3,290,389.49	-	5,673,086.11
Total Fund Equity	3,916,015.02	9,627,404.83	(7,606,173.32)	33,384,005.08	3,720,199.18	-	43,041,450.79
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	7,816,059.04	10,687,251.75	1,829,730.92	37,604,618.19	4,922,233.06	40,372,174.03	103,232,066.99

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
Revenues							
Property taxes	37,146,592.77	846,401.74	-	-	-	-	37,992,994.51
Excise taxes	3,115,107.26	-	-	-	-	-	3,115,107.26
Penalties, interest & fines	246,154.87	2,560.23	-	34,392.68	-	-	283,107.78
Licenses, permits and fees	931,718.29	-	-	-	-	-	931,718.29
Investment income	138,060.53	368,865.10	-	93,320.48	164,032.25	-	764,278.36
Departmental	610,171.54	887,325.94	-	-	-	-	1,497,497.48
Intergovernmental - state	13,249,746.35	1,818,038.19	8,730,555.06	8,305.25	-	-	23,806,644.85
Intergovernmental - federal	103,035.15	1,153,327.34	-	-	-	-	1,256,362.49
User charges	-	-	-	3,822,336.47	-	-	3,822,336.47
Other	296,896.40	2,332,213.58	-	4,796.77	41,176.43	-	2,675,083.18
	55,837,483.16	7,408,732.12	8,730,555.06	3,963,151.65	205,208.68	-	76,145,130.67
Expenditures							
General government	11,293,698.55	284,171.07	-	-	26,589.38	-	11,604,459.00
Public safety	6,676,330.49	1,918,739.16	-	-	425.00	-	8,595,494.65
Education	29,603,900.82	1,783,023.09	10,668,095.51	-	7,428.18	-	42,062,447.60
Public works	2,947,226.10	656,132.18	201,689.31	727,830.15	648.58	-	4,533,526.32
Water	-	-	-	2,311,980.15	-	-	2,311,980.15
Human services	646,834.51	64,768.28	-	-	-	-	711,602.79
Culture and recreation	513,410.44	389,238.95	-	-	-	-	902,649.39
Debt service	4,698,407.15	110,100.00	-	177,287.04	-	-	4,985,794.19
State and county assessments	687,963.60	-	-	-	-	-	687,963.60
Capital outlay	1,465,197.93	-	-	-	-	-	1,465,197.93
	58,532,969.59	5,206,172.73	10,869,784.82	3,217,097.34	35,091.14	-	77,861,115.62
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,695,486.43)	2,202,559.39	(2,139,229.76)	746,054.31	170,117.54	-	(1,715,984.95)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers between funds	1,347,728.92	(747,156.49)	(322,375.43)	(568,267.00)	290,070.00	-	(0.00)
	1,347,728.92	(747,156.49)	(322,375.43)	(568,267.00)	290,070.00	-	(0.00)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(1,347,757.51)	1,455,402.90	(2,461,605.19)	177,787.31	460,187.54	-	(1,715,984.95)
Beginning fund equity	5,263,772.53	8,172,001.93	(5,144,568.13)	33,206,217.77	3,260,011.64	-	44,757,435.74
Ending fund equity	3,916,015.02	9,627,404.83	(7,606,173.32)	33,384,005.08	3,720,199.18	-	43,041,450.79

2008 REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FISCAL 2009 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Capital Planning Committee met regularly in the fall of 2007 to review the capital needs of Town departments. The Committee classified the fiscal 2009 requests based on the evaluation criteria below. Requests beyond fiscal 2009 were not classified.

Fiscal 2009 Capital Improvement Prioritization List

The Committee classified the departmental requests based on the following evaluation criteria. The number below corresponds to the "Class" number assigned on the priority list:

1. Imminent threat to the health and safety of citizens or property
2. Improvement of a capital asset to facilitate maintenance of operations, not to include ordinary maintenance; these are intended to be expenditures that will avoid costly replacement in the future
3. Requirement of state or federal law or regulation
4. Improvement of infrastructure
5. Improvement of productivity
6. Alleviation of an overburdened situation

All requests were first assigned a class number, which takes first priority in the overall ranking system. Items within each class were then ranked in order of importance resulting in the attached priority listing. Items assigned with an "O" were given other, separate consideration because they would use other funding sources such as grants and water enterprise revenue or surplus water revenue. No priority number was assigned to those items. The committee recommends funding all such requests at the annual town meeting. Fiscal 2009 requests totaled $2,274,760. Requests totaling $1,846,770 (net of $26,000 reduction) were classified according to the list above, $100,000 were classified as "other," and $301,990 were not recommended for reasons stated in the report.

Last year most of the requested items were funded. The Committee understands that the availability of funds will be much more limited this year and considered that when prioritizing the list and making the determination to not recommend certain requests.

Five-Year Capital Plan

The five-year capital plan is attached to this report[1]. The plan is sorted first by the fiscal 2009 assigned priorities and then by department for the remaining fiscal years.

Other Matters

The Capital Planning Committee is made up of the following members: Sharyn Katz, Chair (at-large), Mark Carpentier, Vice Chair (at-large), Paul Dombrowski (at-large), Jeremy David (Finance Committee), Gregory Strange (Planning Board) and Wendy Nightingale (Town Accountant). The Committee welcomed Paul Dombrowski, Jeremy David and Gregory Strange as new members this fall and we thank them for volunteering. We would also like to thank Finance Committee representative Steve Delano and Planning Board representative Christine Santoro for serving with us last year. There is still one at-large vacancy that remains to be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Nightingale
February 12, 2008

[1] Due to sizing limitations, the five-year plan is not included in this Town Report. Funding recommendations for FY09 as voted at town meeting are included on the following pages. A full copy of the five-year plan may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Committee held an additional meeting on March 4, 2008 to consider the inclusion of a request for improvements to Muscato Stadium at Oliver Ames High School into the capital plan. The Committee had previously received a letter indicating that information regarding the stadium project would be forthcoming. It was understood that the information would not be available at the time the original report was filed.

A presentation was made to the Committee by Selectman John Haederle. The presentation outlined the estimated costs of the new facility and the related funding sources. The current facility has a grass playing filed and running track in extremely poor condition. In addition, the State ordered the bleachers to be torn down because they did not comply with ADA standards. Improvements to the facility would include ADA compliant bleachers, a new track that would allow the Town to hold state track meets and a new playing field. Selectman Haederle founded a nonprofit organization which will raise a significant amount of funds for the project, including funding for an artificial turf playing field. Selectman Haederle also informed the Committee that a federal grant in the amount of $200,000 has been awarded to the Town. The total cost of the stadium improvements is estimated at $2,000,000, of which $200,000 will be funded from the grant, $400,000 will be raised by the nonprofit organization, and $1,400,000 will be funded from a borrowing authorization sought through the capital planning process. The Committee voted to recommend funding this project and revised the attached listing accordingly.

Other Matters

The Committee also revisited an item on the capital plan that was not previously recommended. Based on subsequent information received from DPW Director Wayne Southworth regarding the need for dump trucks, the Committee voted to recommend the replacement of two one-ton dump trucks, rather than one. The second dump truck, which was assigned a class of 5, was given a priority of 8. The street sweeper was changed to a priority 9, and the pickup truck was changed to a priority 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Nightingale
March 25, 2008

TOWN OF EASTON
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY09 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Dept	Class	Capital Planning Priority	Brief Description of Item	Initial Inclusion Date	FY 2009 Requested	FY 2009 Recommended/ Funded[1]
Fire	1	1	Replace Ambulance # 2 (1999)	4/1/2000	$200,000	$200,000
Police	1	2	Replace One Police Cruiser	FY 2007	$29,244	$30,000
DPW-MH	2	1A	Replace 2 existing boilers at Moreau Hall - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING ONE SCHOOL BOILER PROJECT, WHICHEVER IS IN GREATER NEED***	3/13/2001	$305,000	
DPW-Pkv	2	1B	Replace 2 existing boilers at Parkview School - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING ONE SCHOOL BOILER PROJECT, WHICHEVER IS IN GREATER NEED***	3/13/2001	$250,000	$250,000
School	2	2	Improvements to Muscato Stadium	3/4/2008	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
DPW-Fire #3	2	3	Replace Roof at Fire Station #3 on Bay Road	3/13/2001	$180,000	
DPW-Pol/Fire St	4	1	Eliminate icing at front apron, install new gutters with heat tapes and down spouts (Police/Fire Station)	3/13/2001	$25,000	$25,000
DPW-Admin	4	2	Repave DPW Yard	9/25/2007	$75,000	
Data Proc.	4	3	Annual replacement of servers, computers, routers and switches	FY09	$40,000	$30,000
School	4	4	Technology Budget - Computers, etc. - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000***	FY08	$120,000	$70,000
DPW-OR	4	NR	New Playground Structures for Olmsted and Richardson Schools - ***NOT RECOMMENDED THIS YEAR***	9/15/2007	$140,000	
COA	5	1	Matching funds for EOT grants to replace shuttle vans - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS IF FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES IS NOT AVAILBLE***	FY 2009	$13,000	
DPW-B&G	5	2	1-Ton Dump Truck w/ Plow (Chip Truck) - (replace 1989 Ford)	9/15/2007	$50,000	
Recreation	5	3	2008 Ford E250 Cargo Van	12/11/2007	$20,000	
DPW-B&G	5	4	Tree Chipper - (replace 1989 Brush Bandit)	9/15/2007	$36,000	
DPW-Hwy	5	5	Pickup Truck with plow - (replace 1993 Ford)	9/15/2007	$32,000	
DPW-Hwy	5	6	Pickup Truck with plow - (replace 1995 Ford)	9/15/2007	$32,000	
DPW-Hwy	5	7	1-Ton Dump Truck w/ Sander & Plow - (replace 1992 Ford)	9/15/2007	$55,000	
DPW-Hwy	5	8	1-Ton Dump Truck w/ Sander & Plow - (replace 1992 Ford)	9/15/2007	$55,000	
DPW-Hwy	5	9	Sweeper - (replace 1984 Elgin Pelican)	9/15/2007	$145,000	
DPW-B&G	5	10	Pickup Truck with plow - (replace 1997 Ford)	9/15/2007	$32,000	
DPW-B&G	5	NR	Pickup Truck with plow - (replace 1999 Ford) - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REPLACEMENT OF ONLY ONE TRUCK THIS YEAR***	9/15/2007	$32,000	
PL &CD	5	NR	Permit Tracking Software - ***NOT RECOMMENDED THIS YEAR***	FY09	$20,000	
DPW-MH	6	1	Remove and Replace Carpeting at Moreau Hall	3/13/2001	$18,000	$18,000
Police	6	2	Replace Administrative Vehicle	FY 2007	$24,626	
Bldg	6	3	2009 Ford Ranger Truck	FY2008	$16,000	
PL &CD	6	4	Ford Focus Wagon	FY09	$14,000	
DPW-Admin	6	5	Replace garage vehicle lift.	3/13/2001	$90,000	
Fire	6	6	Purchase 2 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to serve as backup units and replace 10 Air Bottles - ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING OF $10,900. REPLACEMENT AIR BOTTLES SHOULD BE FUNDED FROM OPERATING BUDGET***	11/1/2007	$16,900	$10,900
DPW-Center	6	7A	Replace existing clock system at Center School - ***SCHOOL CLOCK SYSTEMS RANKED EQUALLY BY COMMITTEE***	3/13/2006	$18,000	
DPW-MH	6	7B	Replace existing clock system at Moreau Hall - ***SCHOOL CLOCK SYSTEMS RANKED EQUALLY BY COMMITTEE***	3/13/2006	$18,000	
DPW-Pkv	6	7C	Replace existing clock system at Parkview School - ***SCHOOL CLOCK SYSTEMS RANKED EQUALLY BY COMMITTEE***	3/13/2006	$18,000	

TOWN OF EASTON
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY09 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Dept	Class	Capital Planning Priority	Brief Description of Item	Initial Inclusion Date	FY 2009 Requested	FY 2009 Recommended/ Funded[1]
Police	6	NR	Replace Two Motorcycles - ***NOT RECOMMENDED FOR SAFETY AND ECONOMIC REASONS***	FY 2007	$29,990	
Fire	NC	NR	Fire Station # 2 Rehab./New Construction - ***NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME***	3/1/2004	$25,000	
Water	O		Master Plan Update		$20,000	$20,000
Water	O		Replace vehicle #120 F-150 Pickup Truck		$22,500	$22,500
Water	O		Well Redevelopment		$27,500	$27,500
Water	O		Replace #125 F-350 Van		$30,000	$30,000
Totals					$3,674,760	$2,133,900

(1) Funded at annual town meeting on May 19, 2008.

Funding Sources:	
Water Surplus	$ 100,000
Free Cash	11,191
Overlay Surplus	118,000
Fire Alarm Revolving	24,709
Borrowing (Stadium, Boiler, Ambulance, Cruiser)	1,880,000
Total	$ 2,133,900

1 - Imminent threat to the health and safety of citizens or property
2 - Improvement of a capital asset to facilitate maintenance of operations, not to include ordinary maintenance;
3 - Requirement of state or federal law or regulation
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NC - No classification assigned
NR - Not recommended by Committee
O - Other Source of funding such as water surplus

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Calendar Year 2008

The Audit Committee's primary functions are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the selection of, and scope of services for, an independent auditor.
2. Review the annual financial statements and management reports prepared by the independent auditor and make recommendations with respect thereto.
3. Make recommendations for areas of operations where expended scope audits or review of the internal controls may be appropriate.
4. Review and make recommendations with respect to the Town's financial management practices and controls; through the Town Administrator, review with appropriate boards and departments opportunities to improve such practices and controls.
5. Report to the Board of Selectmen on the status of recommendations the Committee and/or independent auditor has made during the preceding twelve months.

To that end, our committee met several times during the year ended December 31, 2008. During the year, our Committee was comprised of 1 member of the Board of Selectmen, 1 member of the Finance Committee, 1 member of the School Committee, and 1 At-Large member. The Town's Accountant, Wendy Nightingale also attended all meetings.

The primary focus of the Audit Committee's meetings was to review the Independent Auditors' report for the year ended June 30, 2007 and the Management Comments for the same period. The Committee also kept apprised of the status of the on-going audit for the year ended June 30, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the Committee had not received the draft of the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2008.

The committee welcomed its newest member during 2008, as Mr. Michael Sullivan was appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The current members and officers of the Town of Easton Audit Committee are as follows:

Jonathan J. Pike, Chair, Appointed by the Finance Committee
Charles P. King, Vice Chair, Appointed by the Board of Selectmen
Brenda DeCosta, Secretary, Member At-Large
Jane Martin, Appointed by the School Committee
Michael Sullivan, Member At-Large

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan J. Pike, CPA

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal year ending June 20, 2008 was made by Melanson Heath and company, PC, Certified public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Public Works hosted several public events in 2008

- The Town was honored for the 20th consecutive year as Tree City USA and celebrated Arbor Day on April 25th with a Tree Planting dedicated to the former Tree Warden Daniel Amorim at the VFW Post on Allen Road.

- On Saturday April 26th 544 Easton residents participated in our annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

- Several Hundred residents participated in the Second Annual Community Pride roadside cleanup on Saturday April 26th and Sunday April 27th.

- The DPW Water Division hosted it's 24th annual Open House and Poster Contest for 3rd ,4th and 5th grade students on Saturday May 3rd. The Water Division was honored at the State House during the Drinking Water Week Celebration on Wednesday May 7th receiving one of 32 awards given out for proficiency and excellence chosen from over 1700 public water systems in the Commonwealth.

- The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held its 21st annual Awareness Day on Saturday May 10th at the new LL Bean Retail Store in Mansfield.

- A Power Point Presentations were given at three elementary schools in celebration of GIS Day on November 14th.

The DPW assisted with the set up of the Annual Town Meeting on May 19th.

The DPW assisted with the set up of the High School Graduation at Frothingham Park.

The DPW held a training session with Professor Ihab Farag from the University of New Hampshire regarding the EPA Energy Challenge Program for Easton.

The DPW conducted a workshop meeting with the Planning Board to discuss Water Conservation.

MIIA conducted insurance inspections at all Town Facilities.

The DPW met with The Bay State Gas Company regarding their proposed gas main upgrades in Easton for 2008.

The DPW assisted with the set up of all polling locations for the Presidential Primary.

A postcard was prepared for mailing to encourage residents to participate in the Town's Trash Recycling Program.

The DPW conducted a public bid opening for Surplus Equipment

Members of the DPW attended a Massachusetts Department of Public Safety Architectural Access Board Training Session hosted by Director Thomas P. Hopkins.

The DPW participated in a Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee Meeting sponsored by OCPC.

Sidewalk improvements have been completed on Reynolds Street, Maple Street and Center Street.

The DPW completed the installation of the new sidewalk on Central Street from the Bridge Project at Water Street to Depot Street.

Both the DPW Water Division and the Gas Company have completed the upgrading of their mains and services the entire length of Central Street.

The DPW has completed the paving of Central Street including drainage improvements from Water Street to Depot Street.

Inspections were conducted with Mass Highway Engineers during the completion of the paving project on Depot Street from the Five Corners to Fox Ridge Road.

Installation of sidewalks drainage improvements and roadway paving has been completed along Turnpike Street as part of the Aquaria Project.

The DPW attended a meeting with Ma Highway, National Grid and Verizon regarding the completion of work along the Central Street Bridge Project.

A review of the results of the EPA Energy Challenge was presented to the DPW Management Team.

The DPW provided emergency support to the State Police regarding possible abandoned dynamite found during excavation on Turnpike Street.

A review of new street acceptances was held with the Planning and Community Development Department.

Stonehill College was invited to the Water Division to discuss their expansion plans and future water use.

The DPW participated in an EPA/DEP Energy Management Roundtable for Water and Waste Water Utilities.

The DPW set up all polling locations for the September 16th State Primary Election.

The DPW participated in the Community Visioning Focus Group Presentations held at the Olmsted/Richardson School on Saturday October 4, 2008.

Members of the DPW attended a Pre-Construction Meeting at Ma Highway regarding the Route #123 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) from the Norton Town Line to Route #106.

The DPW set up all polling locations for the Presidential Election.

Assisted with the set up of the Special Town Meeting at the High School on November 17th

DPW personnel participated in a preliminary planning session of extending sewerage service from Mansfield to the Five Corners area of Easton.

The DPW provided a community service project for 20 Stonehill College Students.

DPW personnel attended the 25% Design Public Hearing for the proposed reconstruction of the Five Corners intersection presented by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The DPW dealt with it's first snow storm of the year on Sunday Dec. 7th with approximately 1" of accumulation which required treatment of all town roads.

Friday December 12th the Governor declared a State of Emergency due to the heavy rain and icing with numerous power outages.

I was invited to give a presentation regarding Easton's energy conservation program to the Mass DEP in Boston.

I would like to praise the entire staff at the Department of Public Works for their dedication to the community.

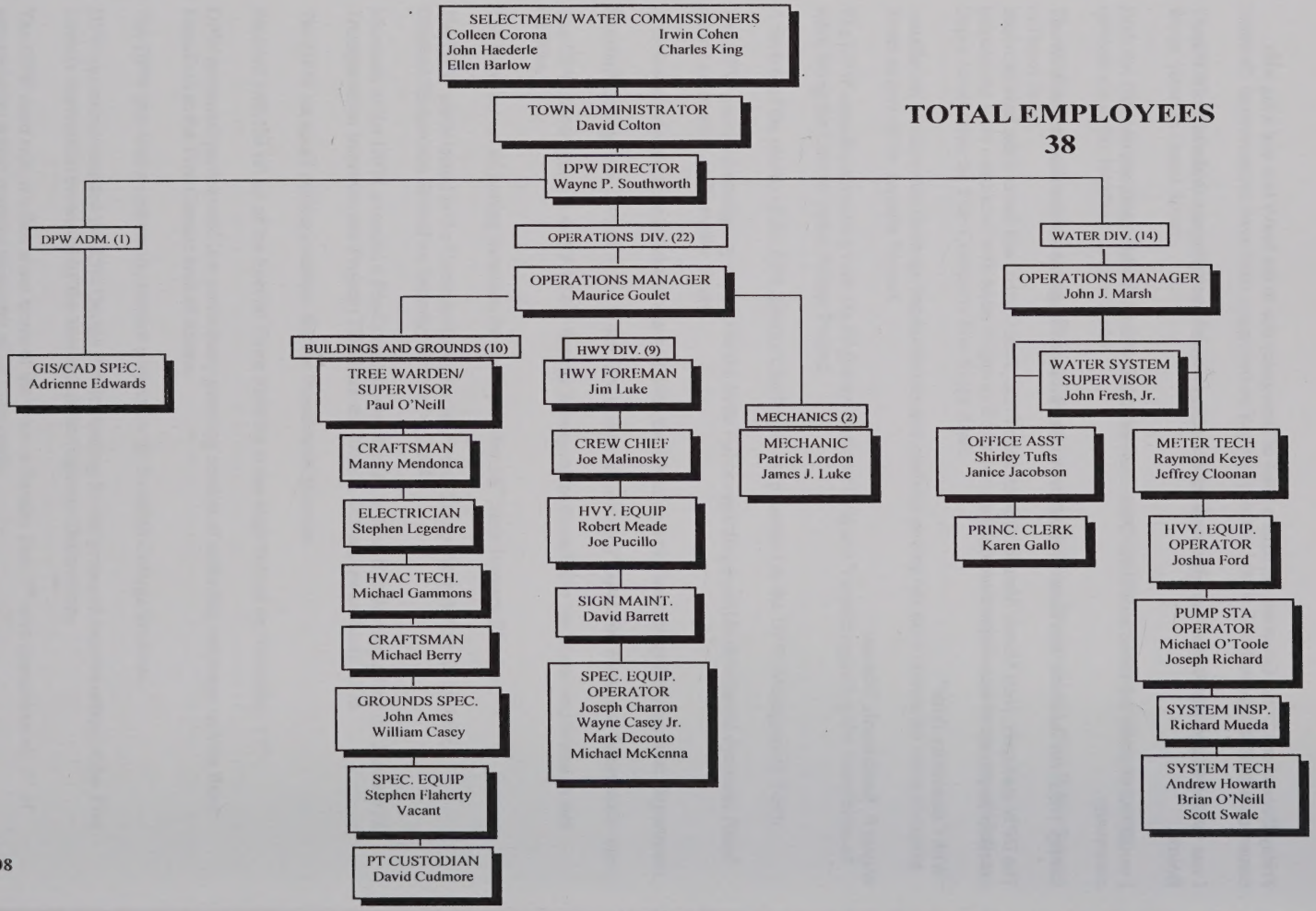
Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson, and Karen Gallo strive to provide knowledgeable service to all our customers.

The DPW managers, John Marsh, Maurice Goulet, John Fresh, Paul O'Neill and James Luke have provided excellent leadership to their respective Divisions.

"With Community Pride"

Wayne P. Southworth, Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - FY 09



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2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OPERATIONS DIVISION

DPW Operations: It has been a challenging year of price fluctuations in energy costs and construction materials to deal with, as well as a year with personnel changes at the DPW. Two of our dedicated DPW employees have retired this past year. In April, Al Hopkins, Craftsman, retired after 32 years with the town, and in October, Don Badger, Mechanic, retired after 36 years of service. Both Al and Don will be truly missed. The DPW conducted interviews this past year to fill the Town Electrician's position. There were many well qualified applicants, many having their Master's Electricians License. Steve Legendre has filled that position and has been a tremendous addition to an already talented staff of employees.

Highway Department: Overall, we have been extremely fortunate this past year with our roadway and sidewalk projects. We paved many streets with limited funding and were able to continue our sidewalk rehab program to add to the improvements to the community. When all of the fuel and material prices increased, our paving contractor honored our previous accepted bid, allowing us to continue to pave at the lower rate. Most communities were not able to take advantage in this same way. This Division of the DPW should be commended for their great efforts in snowplowing, roadway repair, drainage work, roadside mowing, street sweeping, and overall customer service.

Fleet Mechanics: After the retirement of Don Badger, this past year, Jim J. Luke, has taken over the position and has proven to be a great asset in the garage. Both mechanics, Patrick Lordan and Jim J. Luke have done an extraordinary job of keeping the Town's fleet up and running. We have an aging fleet in the DPW, the Town Office Departments and the School Department. Somehow, they seem to be able to keep these vehicles in good, safe working order throughout the year.

Building and Grounds Department: With the school projects coming to a close, more and more responsibility has been put onto this Division of the DPW. They have done an admirable job keeping up the high demand for maintenance and repairs to all of the municipal and school buildings across the town. At the same time, the removal and trimming of trees have become a widespread concern. There are numerous trees along each and every roadway that have been damaged by insects or severe weather that need attention. This puts a tremendous strain on the Department. This Division of the DPW should also be commended for their efforts in building maintenance, craftsmanship, HVAC, electrical work, tree work, snowplowing, brush cutting, stump grinding and their expedience in responding to emergencies around town.

Trash Program: Since July of 2007, Easton residents have produced approximately 1200 tons of recyclable material. With Easton's now "Single Stream Recycling System" we look to see this number increase more and more in the upcoming year. We have had a great start over the last couple of years, however we need much more participation into the Town program with Waste Management, to really put Easton in the forefront of recycling communities. A special thanks is given to Jan Jacobson for her outstanding customer service to the residents of Easton in this program.

I would truly like to thank James Luke (Highway Supervisor), Paul O'Neill (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) and each one of our Division employees whom continue to show a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the DPW and the community:

John Ames, Don Badger, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, Joe Charron, Dave Cudmore, Mark DeCouto Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Al Hopkins, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Joe Malinosky, Mike McKenna, Bob Meade, Manny Mendonca, Joe Pucillo

Thanks also to Jack Marsh (Water Operations Manager) and his staff for their continued support of this Division as well as a special thanks to the clerical staff of the DPW; Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson, and Karen Gallo for all of their help over the past year. A special thanks to Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) for all of her help as well as taking care of all of our mapping needs. We hope to conquer the many challenges that we may face in the coming year and still continue to service the community with utmost professionalism.

Maurice G. Goulet
DPW Operations Manager
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DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION

Projects of 2008

HIGHWAY

Roadway Paving:		Linear Feet	Miles
Central Street (Cold Plane/Resurface)		3,300	0.63
Chestnut Street (Overlay)		3,039	0.58
Cross Street (Overlay)		1,554	0.29
Depot Street (Overlay)		2,007	0.38
Foundry Street (Overlay)		722	0.14
Fox Ridge Road (Overlay)		466	0.09
Howard Street (Overlay)		560	0.11
King Arthur Road (Reclaim/Resurface)		2,650	0.50
Lincoln Street (Overlay)		766	0.15
	Total	**15,064**	**2.85**

Sidewalk Reconstruction:		Linear Feet	Miles
Center Street (Bituminous Concrete)		2,600	0.49
Central Street Street (Bituminous Concrete)		3,300	0.63
Jenny-Lind Street (Concrete)		694	0.13
Maple Street (Concrete)		582	0.11
	Total	**7,176**	**1.36**

Drainage Basins Cleaned:	**Total**	**330**
Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:	**Total**	**3**
Drainage Basins Remodeled:	**Total**	**17**

Berm Installation:		Linear Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**1,402**	**0.27**

Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)		Linear Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**277,359**	**52.53**

Linepainting Crosswalks:		Each
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**97**

Crack-Sealing Roadways:		Linear Feet	Miles
Center Street		5,604	1.06
Eastman Street		5,396	1.02
Kimberly Drive		755	0.14
	Total	**11,755**	**2.23**

Roadway Repair:		Tons
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**215**

Pothole Patching:		Tons
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**177**

Fleet Maintenance:		Vehicles
Various Town Departments	**Total**	**118**

Street Sweeping:	**From 4/07/08 to 6/16/08**
Town-wide	

Flail Mowing:	**From 6/25/08 to 9/10/08**
Town-wide	

Sanding Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**23**

Snowplowing Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**8**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal/Trimmed		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**463**
Stump Removal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**44**
Cemetery Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**29**
Field Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**22**
Playground Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**8**
Field Lining for Sporting Events		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**26**
Christmas Tree Disposal		Each
Town-wide	Total	**392**

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE TREE WARDEN/BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIVISION

The Building and Grounds Division continues to trim and remove dead, dying and diseased trees along Easton's road sides. We have removed 279 trees this past year that posed a potential hazard to either traffic or pedestrians. We trimmed dead branches or low hanging limbs from 184 trees. A number of trees were posted for removal due to visibility problems when exiting driveways or on curves. Brush has been cut along roadsides to improve visibility at intersections, curves, and around signs. Trees were planted when funds were available and 44 stumps were removed and the areas filled with loam and then seeded when necessary. Storm damage was cleaned up and removed as needed. Residents in need of firewood or wood chips can be put on a list by calling the Department of Public Works. Easton's residents have dropped off 391 Christmas Trees that have been chipped up at the DPW yard.

On April 25, 2008 the Town of Easton celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Sycamore Tree at the V.F.W. on Allen Road honoring Daniel Amorim who served as Easton's Tree Warden for 35 years. Through Danny's efforts Easton was the seventh town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be named a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. Danny retired in 1991 but is still very much involved with the tree industry.

The Building & Grounds Division also maintains the athletic fields at the schools by mowing and lining them for all the sports events such as football, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, softball, field hockey and track. Cemeteries and roadsides are also maintained by the division in addition to all Town owned buildings and playgrounds. The Division also assists with plowing and sanding operations during the winter months.

The Division sets up the voting equipment for all elections at the Oliver Ames High School, the Easton Baptist Church on Bay Road, and the Knights of Columbus Hall on Foundry Street. We also set up for Town Meeting at the appropriate school buildings. We move bleachers and chairs from various locations around town to Frothingham Park for graduation ceremonies. Chairs and risers are moved from school to school through out the year for plays and musicals that are performed.

Our H.V.A.C Technician has maintained all Town owned buildings including the schools. Work orders range from small leaks in steam and water pipes to major work on boilers and cooling units on roof tops. A new rooftop unit was installed at the Middle School. There are many calls daily/weekly for heating and air conditioning problems throughout the town. Improvements are continually being made to our systems to help lower costs and make things more energy efficient.

Our Maintenance Craftsman has been doing work such as repairing roofs at most every school and the Frothingham Hall on Barrows Street which is currently being used by the Ames Free Library while renovations are being done on their building. Gutters and down spouts were replaced at the Water Division on Bay Road on both the main building and the space metal building in the back. Floor tiles have been replaced in several classrooms at Parkview School and railings were repaired outside the cafeteria on the handicap ramp. Stonewalls were repaired along sidewalks and town owned cemeteries.

Our Electrician handles all work orders pertaining to electrical issues. Much of his work consists of outside lighting around the schools and town buildings for security purposes. Electrical work is performed at the pumping stations to assist the Water Division. All smoke and fire alarms are maintained and tested quarterly. Elevators are inspected each year with the assistance of our electrician.

I would like to say thank you to all the dedicated employees of the Building and Grounds Division – John Ames, Michael Berry, William Casey, Stephen Flaherty, Michael Gammons, Stephen Legendre and Manny Mendonca. These employees take pride in what they do and are always ready and willing to do anything that is asked of them. They also provide suggestions and innovative ideas of ways to be more productive and save the Town money. I would also like to thank the other divisions of the Public Works Department for their continued assistance and support during the past year as well as the office staff Janice Jacobson, Shirley Tufts and Karen Gallo for the outstanding job they do in keeping things running smoothly throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul O'Neill
Tree Warden/Building and Grounds Supervisor

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT
The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2008.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	45,845,000	July	96,188,000
February	42,000,000	August	79,767,000
March	45,116,000	September	68,115,000
April	54,676,000	October	50,054,000
May	61,063,000	November	43,643,000
June	85,644,000	December	44,963,000
		Total Pumped	717,074,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 4,247,000 gallons on July 17, 2008.

The Water Division responded to 2,929 service and emergency calls:
Connected 22 new services for a total of 7,259 active services
Replaced 643 meters
Renewed 30 services
Repaired 6 service leaks
Repaired 14 broken water mains
1 – 6" main, 11 – 8" mains, 1 – 10" main, 1 – 12" main

In 2008, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
240' of 4" water main
446' of 6" water main
2,385' of 8" water main
7 new fire hydrants
23 new valves

We now have a total of 161 miles of water mains, 1,348 hydrants and 3,176 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 85,114 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 29,042 routine water bills, 178 property transfer bills and 348 miscellaneous bills.

This completed the twentieth (20) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 624 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 135 commercial buildings and 65 institutional buildings were surveyed. We have 288 testable devices in the

system, 164 double check valve assemblies, 124 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 14 non-required devices. This year 377 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

6 Arsenic
759 Bacteriological
7 Nitrate
5 Nitrite
2 Routine chemical
7 Secondary contaminants
7 Volatile organic compounds (VOC)
2,922+/- pH
2,556+/- Chlorine residual
16 Trihalomethane
16 Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
7 Perchlorate
4 Iron
4 Manganese
6 Sodium
3 Tannic Acid

The Water Division was chosen to participate in the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Energy Audit Program. This program, through the use of energy audits and clean technology feasibility studies, was designed to assist cities and towns to identify capital improvements that help cut energy costs. I am pleased to report that we have already performed many of these cost saving measures at our existing pumping facilities. We will continue to investigate other cost saving technologies in the future.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 23 system-wide leak surveys to date. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 15th consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the month of April. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

The Water Division started system improvements along Sheridan Street and Day Street (Sheridan Street to Lincoln Street). This project consist of renewing the water services by removing them from the water mains that were installed in the late 1800's to the newer 12' water main that was installed in 1978. To date we have completed 40 service renewals. When all of the services have been renewed we will take the older main out of service.

The meeting room at the Easton Water Division office at 417 Bay Road continues to be in high demand, as one of the only town meeting rooms.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 26, 2008 with 554 residents participating at a cost of $12,803.04 to the Town. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of televisions, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2009 has been scheduled for April 25th.

The Water Division hosted its 24th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 3, 2008 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton School System—especially, Dr. William Simmons, School Superintendent, Dr. Michael A. Green, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Christine DiVirgilio, Achim Krasenbrink, Susan Masse, Kathie Hayes, and Betty Minuskin of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it. We look forward to our 25th Open House being held on May 2, 2009.

We assisted the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee in its efforts throughout the year. We attended 8 of their 11 scheduled meetings. We also attend their annual awareness day held on May 10, 2008.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders in the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Janice Jacobson, Karen Gallo, John Fresh, Jr., Raymond Keyes, Richard Mueda, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Michael O'Toole, Jeffery Cloonan, Brian O'Neill, Scott Swale and Andy Howarth.

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held eleven meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

State Representative Jay Barrows met with the Committee on March 6th regarding the creation of a new Regional Wastewater Authority for the communities of Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

The CRAAC co-sponsored a Taunton River Watershed on Wednesday, April 30th at the Southeastern Regional Vocational High School.

Adrienne Edwards, GIS Specialist from Easton, gave a presentation to the Committee on archaeology at the watershed level during the monthly meeting on May 1st.

The Committee held its annual Awareness Day at the new LL Bean store in Mansfield on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 am through 12 Noon.

At the September 2nd meeting, Jennifer Carlino, CRAAC member and Norton Conservation Agent, gave a slide presentation to the Committee on the results of the Habitat Evaluation of the Canoe River that she had worked on.

State Representative Betty Poirier attended the monthly CRAAC meeting on October 2nd to update the Committee on current legislative issues.

The Committee spent considerable meeting time during the year reviewing the draft design for a new brochure.

The Committee would like to thank Easton Water Operations Manager Jack Marsh for his involvement with the production of our website, as well as Adrienne Edwards for her design of the new brochure and for her GIS mapping. The Committee also wishes to thank Karen Gallo of The Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, and Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department for their dedication and assistance in producing our minutes and mailings.

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.

THE FOLLOWING **2009** SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG **8 CHESTNUT ST**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER **ONE COMMUNITY DRIVE**
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG

Present Membership

Norton	*Foxborough*	*Sharon*
Susan Mims (6/30/11)	Robert W. Boette (6/30/09)	Gregory Meister (6/30/10)
Suzanne Erickson (6/30/11)	Joan F. Sozio (6/30/11)	Dave Masciarelli (6/30/08)
Jennifer Carlino (6/30/09)	Leo Potter (6/30/10)	

Easton	*Mansfield*
John H. Fresh, Jr. (06/30/10)	Edward Tartufo (6/30/11)
Wayne P. Southworth (06/30/09)	Leonard F. Flynn (6/30/09)
Janice L. Fowler (6/30/11)	Kevin O'Donnell (6/30/10)

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the year 2008.

OPERATIONS

2008 was another busy year for the Easton Fire Department. The department responded to a total of 3308 incidents in 2008. A total of 6227 pieces of apparatus were utilized to handle those incidents. The department responded to 70 fires in structures, 54 brush fires, 11 vehicle fires, and 31 other types of fires. The department also responded to 1490 medical emergencies and 378 automobile accidents. A total of 1364 patients were transported to local hospitals. The remainder of the responses can be categorized as either investigations of potentially hazardous situations or public service calls.

New firefighter / paramedics Christopher Dyer and Christopher Hebb were appointed to the department to fill existing vacancies. They completed an orientation / training period with the department and on January 5, 2009, they begin a twelve-week intensive recruit training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. The process has begun through Civil Service to fill one more existing vacancy.

I must emphasize that we are still considerably under-staffed for a department that is required to cover 29.4 square miles and protect over 23,000 residents. The total compliment of funded fire department positions in 2008 is only three (3) more than we had funded in 1987. However, the number of emergency calls has increased tremendously during the same time frame. It remains increasingly difficult to handle the escalating demands for service with the very limited on-duty staffing. The incidence of multiple emergency calls taking place simultaneously increases each year as the town continues to grow. Citizens are being forced to wait for dangerously long periods of time for the arrival of emergency vehicles because the on-duty personnel are committed to other calls. Similar conditions exist in our surrounding communities as well. This is creating greater delays in the availability of mutual aid resources.

With insufficient staffing, the safety of the personnel responding to the needs of the community is jeopardized. As mentioned above, with increasing frequency there are times when all available on-duty personnel are committed to one call leaving no one available to respond to the next incident.

To emphasize how critical the situation has become, in 2008, Easton Fire Department apparatus (fire trucks and ambulances) responded on mutual aid to assist all our surrounding communities 90 times (66 Ambulance calls & 24 Fire calls). Yet we had to call apparatus in from other communities 225 times to assist us (207 Ambulance calls & 18 Fire calls). There were 1364 patients transported to area hospitals in 2008. 191 of those patients were transported by out of town ambulances. Not only were there delays in providing emergency services while waiting for the mutual aid ambulances to arrive, but there was also a loss of revenue to the Town of Easton (the transporting ambulance bills for services). From the chart below, you can see that each year we are relying too heavily on our neighboring communities to provide the services we cannot provide with current staffing levels.

Patients transported by mutual aid ambulances

1997 = 62 or 6.9%
1998 = 68 or 7.7%
1999 = 80 or 9.4%
2000 = 116 or 10.3%
2001 = 103 or 10.2%
2002 = 125 or 12.7%
2003 = 137 or 14%

2004 = 147 or 14%
2005 = 172 or 15%
2006 = 166 or 14%
2007 = 146 or 12%
2008 = 191 or 14%

Mutual aid is a concept that has been utilized by the fire service for over a century. It is a system designed to help every city and town deal with those **unusual incidents** that a community cannot handle on their own. After the events of September 11, 2001 local fire and police departments are expected to be the "first line of defense" against terrorist activities and events involving weapons of mass destruction. However with current staffing levels, we must rely on mutual aid just to handle the day-to-day routine calls. With all neighboring cities and towns experiencing financial difficulties, mutual aid may not be as reliable as it has been in the past. This will further reduce our ability to provide the emergency services expected and demanded by the citizens of Easton.

As everyone is aware, a severe financial crisis is impacting government on all levels. The availability of federal and state grants is decreasing making it more difficult to obtain funding for needed firefighting equipment and fire safety programs. This year, we were fortunate to receive two (2) grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We received a firefighting equipment grant in the amount of $7,792.00 and a Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant in the amount of $4,464.00

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Firefighting and emergency medical training are vital to ensuring that the Easton Fire Department is able to respond effectively and efficiently to the many calls for assistance that we receive. Most of the training is conducted "in-service" while the personnel are on duty, but many members take advantage of training and educational opportunities on their own "off-duty" time. Captain James Walsh is the department's training officer and coordinates the training activities. We frequently work directly with the instructors and training staff of the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy as well as training instructors from surrounding communities. This ensures that firefighting practices and procedures keep pace with new advances in technology and tactics. In the past three (3) years, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has sponsored a monthly "Senior Fire Officer Forum". This training format has brought nationally recognized speakers to the Commonwealth to instruct members of the fire service.

On an annual basis all EMTs, from the basic level to the paramedic level, are required to complete many hours of continuing education in order to improve their ability to deliver high quality medical care. Our EMS Training Coordinator FF / Paramedic Brendan McCarthy and Advanced Life Support coordinator Lieutenant / Paramedic Evan Malone conduct most of the medical training for department members along with offering CPR and first-aid training to various groups in the community. Doctor Henry Crowley has been contracted to be our ambulance service medical director and is committed to providing oversight over the entire medical delivery system. He has been conducting monthly training sessions for all of our medical personnel and responds to emergencies when available to offer expertise and "hands-on" assistance.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION

The most important function of any Fire Department is to prevent the occurrence of situations that produce injury, death, destruction to property or negatively impact our environment. We try to accomplish this through our Public Education and Fire Prevention division.

The S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program is now in its 14th year. This program is a cooperative effort between firefighters, school principals, teachers, and students. The program was originally developed and continues to be funded through a state grant. I am proud to say that our Legislators (Senators Robert Creedon & Brian Joyce as well as Representatives David Flynn, Geraldine Creedon, & Christine Canavan) all voted in favor of funding this program recognizing its importance even

in time of fiscal constraint. We are fortunate to have legislators that always support public safety programs. Through the determined efforts of Captain Dave Beals, FF Larry Blye and FF Chris Mills the Easton Fire Department S.A.F.E. program has been a huge success and continues to grow even when funding is shrinking.

The demands on the Fire Prevention office are continuing to increase. Hundreds of residential, commercial, and industrial inspections were completed during the year. There are several new residential developments as well as commercial buildings on the "drawing board" for the immediate future which will demand oversight.

FIRE ALARM

Captain James Walsh and FF William Wolffe performed repairs and maintenance procedures to the municipal fire alarm system throughout the year. Several new radio activated fire alarm boxes were installed. Master alarm boxes activated by a building's internal fire alarm system were installed at the following locations; Southeast Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, the new medical office building on Roche Bros Way, Oliver Ames High School, Easton Middle School and the Easton DPW. Several new radio pull boxes were also installed on newly constructed roads throughout town.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

At this time, I am pleased to report that our fire apparatus is currently in very good condition.

As a result of town meeting vote, a new ambulance was purchased at the end of the year. The new vehicle replaces a 1999 ambulance. A 2004 model now serves as our second ambulance. It currently has 93,000 miles on it and is showing signs of wear and tear. With the annual increase in the number of medical calls, the 2004 ambulance should be replaced as soon as possible. .

Fire Station # 2 on Depot Street, our oldest station, is in need of repairs or replacement. This station was built in 1934 under a Federal WPA project. As a result of town meeting vote, a new "overlay district" was created in the Washington and Belmont Street area. This will allow for the construction of the proposed "Queset Commons". One of the projects mitigation criteria is for the developer to make extensive repairs to the Depot Street Fire Station.

PERSONNEL

The members of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department continue to donate many hours of their own time in order to ensure that the department responds effectively to the needs of the community. They responded in a very efficient and professional manner throughout the year. I would like to thank all of them for their commitment to this effort.

Mission Statement:

> "The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE".

TO REPORT A FIRE OR ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

For other Fire Department business or assistance, dial 508-230-3311

Additional phone numbers;

Fire Chief's Office 508-230-0750
Fire Prevention Office 508-230-0750
Fax Number 508-238-2891

CONCLUSION

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the officers, firefighters, and the department's administrative secretary (Pam Berglund) as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, all the Department heads and members of the various Town boards and committees for their assistance over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Stone, Fire Chief

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the Annual Town Report for the Town of Easton Police Department:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all. This goal can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve and commitment to the conviction that together our community has the ability to form its own destiny.

After a long period of reduced numbers of house breaks we are experiencing an increase in their occurrence. Officers are spending more time in the neighborhoods on patrol in an attempt to prevent the breaks.

Motor vehicle break-ins are still a problem, but their occurrence has been decreasing in the latter part of the year. The Department has been using the media in an attempt to educate the public on the extent of the problem and the value of locking vehicle doors and removing valuables from the interior.

Our efforts to reduce the number of alcohol related traffic crashes continued when we collaborated with the Massachusetts State Police and conducted a Roadside Sobriety Check Point. Thirteen arrests were made for operating under the influence of alcohol and numerous other criminal violations.

School security has dominated much of our attention during the year. A drug and contraband sweep was conducted at the Southeastern Regional High School using K-9's from the Department of Corrections and surrounding Police Departments. I am pleased to report that no illegal drugs were discovered.
Graffiti was discovered written in the men's room at the Oliver Ames High School. The phrase "Boom 1/5/09" was found on several occasions. In response, K-9's were employed to conduct a sweep of the school during the holiday break. The State Police Bomb Squad and municipal departments were used. Nothing was found and school opened as usual on that date.

On June 24th an armed home invasion took place. Officer Brian Humenuk spotted the suspects speeding away from the scene before it was reported. One suspect was arrested after a motor vehicle stop; the other ran from the scene and was later arrested after several hours of searching the woods off of Foundry Street.

On July 12th a tragic motor vehicle crash took place along Washington Street (Route 138) that took the life of a Brockton man as he walked during the early morning hours. The operator of the vehicle left the scene leaving the victim lying on the side of the road severely injured. An extensive investigation followed, conducted by the Bristol County District Attorneys Office and the Easton Police Department. After several days of non stop investigation, 2 arrests were made and charges are now pending.

On August 12th a small plane carrying 3 people from New York to Boston for medical treatment crashed in the parking lot of the Hannaford's Super market. All three occupants were killed instantly. The shopping plaza was closed down for several hours, and an on site investigation continued for 3 days. The media and curiosity seekers rushed to the crash scene creating traffic and security problems. The local business owners and their employees were very helpful and cooperative with all the safety officials. Target, Bank of Easton, Hannaford's and the property owner, Samuels and Associates, deserve recognition for their assistance.

New Equipment

The department took delivery of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car.

Ten new eternal defibrillators were purchased utilizing community policing grant funds. The defibrillators will have the newly required format and are the same model used by the Fire Department which was not the case before. The Fire Medics will now be able to take over from a first responding Police Officer without removing the defibrillator from the patient.

The Department went on line with a new computer-aided dispatch and records management system. IMC will make interfacing with Easton Fire and surrounding police departments possible. The department will save several thousand dollars annually.

Personnel

Officer Carolyn Gurney has been assigned to the Southeastern Regional High School as their School Resource Officer. She is taking the position left vacant by the promotion of Sergeant James McAvoy.

Officer George Allen continues his duties as the School Resource Officer in the Easton school system.

Two additional dispatchers have been hired and have begun their extensive training program. Nicole Kominsky and Kim Kehoe are both Easton residents and are very enthusiastic. In September, the ladies entered a 5-week Dispatcher Academy conducted at the 911 Training Center in Taunton. The Department now has 6 full-time and 1 part-time dispatchers.

Officer Patrick Brophy retired as of July 1, 2008. He plans on concentrating on his construction business full time. During his 20 on the Department he worked as a DARE Officer and a Patrol Officer on the 4-midnight shift. Patrick made a positive impact on "his DARE kids" and will be missed by his fellow members on the Department.

Patrolmen Anthony DiCarlo graduated from the Plymouth Municipal Police Academy. He began the field training segment of the instruction process. The field training officers that worked with Anthony have had high praise for him.

Detective Michael Fox and Patrol Officer James McAvoy have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Both have been transferred to the midnight-8 shift as Shift Supervisors

Student Officer Jared Nevens entered the Plymouth Municipal Police Academy. His training will take place over a 22-week period.

Student Officer Jason Wheeler entered the Boston Police Academy. Boston opens their academy to outside agencies when room is available. This is also a 22-week program.

Patrol Officer Timothy McPeck joined the force as a lateral transfer from the Barnstable Police Department. Tim has fit in quickly. He replaces Officer Patrick Brophy who retired this year.

Training

Officer Patrick Healey completed additional Accident Reconstruction Training.

Officer Darren Mangott has been recertified in the installation of child car safety seats. We have continued to have a strong demand for this service. Approximately 100 seats have been installed this year.

Officer George Allen, Officer Carolyn Gurney and Officer Daren Mangott have attended training at Bridgewater State College in an Anti-Bullying Program.

All department personnel have received extensive training on IMC; our new computer aided dispatch system and records management system.

Training has been conducted by certified department instructors in handcuffing techniques, use of force and firearms. These are 3 areas of high liability.

Building Improvements

The Department of Public Works replaced and repaired sections of the parking lot and walkway.

Door locks were replaced on several doors in an effort to make the building more secure.

2008 STATISTICS

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	0
Attempted Suicides	11
Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	1
Robberies	3
Assault & Battery/Weapons	3
Assault & Battery	43

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	26
B & E Motor Vehicle	190
B & E Business	30
B & E Attempts	10

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	72
Larcenies under $250	80
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	14
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	4
Shoplifting	13

In Custody

ARRESTS	188
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	25
Protective Custody	10

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Situations	103
Domestic Violence	23
Disturbance	98
Disorderly Persons	18
Noise Complaints	80
General Service	532
Missing Persons	29
Vandalism	203
Alarms	937
Annoying Phone Calls	39
Animal Complaints	221
Barking Dog Complaints	16

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	2
Property Damage Accidents	266
Personal Injury Accidents	78

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations	2408
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	172

PROBLEMS OR COMMENTS
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Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik akrajcik@easton.ma.us

EASTON EMERGENCY FOR POLICE, FIRE OR MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE DIAL 911

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Kominsky
Chief of Police

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible to enforce the state, county and local animal laws. We work closely with the Environmental Police, the MSPCA, Massachusetts Department of Animal Health, the Animal Rescue League and our local Police Department. We have local veterinarians who give us advice and help when needed.

It is extremely important to be sure your pets are up to date on their vaccinations, especially the rabies vaccination. A rabies vaccination is required by state law for all cats and dogs. This vaccination ensures your pet's safety should it come in contact with a high-risk domestic animal or wildlife. It is equally important to have some form of identification on your pet. A license is required for all pets aged 3 months and older, and this can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

When an animal displays unusual behavior and rabies is suspected, we send it to the State Laboratory Virology Division for testing. This year we submitted 1 dog, 1 cat, 1 goat, 1 raccoon and 2 bats; all were negative.

ANIMAL STATISTICS
Calls Received -1862
Complaints - 1416
General Information - 446
Missing Animals -123
Dogs Retrieved - 37
Dogs Returned - 32; 5 Surrendered to Rescue Shelter
Surrendered to MSPCA - 6 cats, 1 pigeon, 1 sea gull, 1 rabbit
Deceased Animals Removed - 212

We held 2 rabies clinics in April at the Police Department. We will be doing the same this year.

The following deceased animals were removed: 31 cats, 21 raccoons, 18 skunks, 56 deer, 16 squirrels, 7 opossums, 13 rabbits, 5 foxes, 6 bats, 3 turkeys, 2 coyotes, 2 dogs, 1 woodchuck, 1 muskrat, 1 mink, 1 seagull, 2 hawks, 2 ducks and 24 birds.

We continue to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs and unleashed dogs. We research dog bites and nuisance complaints with follow up calls and hearings. We continue to protect our citizens from intimidation and injury from animals as well as protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to State laws. We can be reached at (508)230-3353 or by calling the Police Department business line at (508)230-3322.

We would like to thank the Police Chief, Dispatchers, members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Clerks Office, Board of Health, Town Administrators Office, Board of Selectmen and the members of the Department of Public Works for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Melin, ACO
Elizabeth DeRosa, ACO

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	13
Multiple Family Dwellings	4
Additions-Residential	113
Alterations-Residential	164
New Commercial	3
Additions-Commercial	10
Alterations-Commercial	75
Demolished Buildings	13
Signs	22
Temporary Signs	9
Swimming Pools	21
Roofs	101
Siding	38
Replacement Windows/Doors	97
Temporary Tents	35
Earth Removal	1
Wood Stoves	47
Yard Sales	70
Foundations	16
Certificate of Inspections	87
Certificate of Occupancy	104

TOTALS

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION:		$ 77,300,570.00
Total Building Fees Collected		$ 217,028.00
Total Wiring Fees Collected		$ 104,102.00
Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued	630	
Total Gas Fees Collected		$ 17,082.00
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	263	
Total Plumbing Fees Collected		$ 29,510.00
Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	354	
Total Mechanical Fees Collected		$ 2,190.00
Total Number of Mechanical Permits Issued	11	
Total Number of Daily Inspections	2932	
Total Fees Collected for the Year 2008		$ 369,912.00

Telephone: 508-230-0580 Fax: 508-230-0589 email: mtrivett@easton.ma.us
kgreiner@easton.ma.us
sheath@easton.ma.us

Office Hours:	Monday:	8:30 a.m. – 7:30 pm.
	Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Wednesday:	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Thursday:	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Friday:	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Susan Heath, Building Department Secretary
D. Mark Trivett, C.B.O., Inspector of Buildings, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Paul DeBaggis, Local Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Kevin S. Greiner, Electrical Inspector, Local Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Ellen Weene, Board of Appeals Secretary
John F. Amorim, Assistant Electrical Inspector
Paul Steeves, Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Ronald Wiseman, Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were only 13 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2008 as compared to 34 building permits in 2007. There were 4 building permits issued for duplex dwelling units. Permits for residential additions and alterations numbered 277 in 2008 and there were 236 permits issued for roofing, siding and replacement windows and doors. The total estimated cost of residential construction was $16,720,231.

Estimated cost of commercial construction was up in 2008 to $44,344,339 which was buoyed by a new $28,000,000 science center at Stonehill College and a $4,500,000 medical office building at Roche Bros. Way.

Receipts of $152,884 were collected for electrical, plumbing, gas and mechanical permits.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 87 Certificates of Inspection and 104 Certificates of Occupancy.

The Inspectional Services Department performed 2,932 inspections and 21 emergency inspections.

The IS Department collected fees in the amount of $369,912.00 in the year 2008.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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About

The mission of the Department of Planning & Community Planning (DPCD) is to promote a vibrant and healthy community through the application of contemporary planning methods. The primary responsibilities of the staff are to review development proposals and provide technical expert comment to assist the supported boards in reaching sound, defensible decisions, and to consult with residents and businesses to provide guidance in navigating the permitting process. The staff also has information about first-time homebuyer programs, housing renovation programs, use of town lands, more. If you have a question, give us a call!

Activities

Staff provides support to the:

- Conservation Commission;
- Community Preservation Commission;
- Historical Commission;
- Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership;
- Planning & Zoning Board; and
- Other boards and committees as requested, including the Board of Selectmen.

This support takes the form of record keeping, technical assistance, regulatory interpretation, written reports, coordination of reviews, and other tasks, as needed. Applications for permit review for the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission (under the Demolition Delay Bylaw), and the Planning & Zoning Board are processed and reviewed through the DPCD.

Staff also takes a leadership role in the long-range planning and policy efforts of the town. In 2008, staff assisted with:

- *Green Communities Task Force.* Collaborated on a report to the Board of Selectmen on opportunities to make Easton greener.
- *Permit Efficiency.* Staff assisted permitted boards to streamline the development review process by coordinating regulations, and updating out-dated codes; began work with the Historical Commission on Building Demolition Permit Review Rules and Regulations; evaluated permitting automation to eliminate redundancy, manual effort and increase efficiency.
- *Long-range planning.* Coordinated the update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan and assisted in development of the Historical Preservation Plan; participated in Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force; participated in Town of Easton Community Visioning Process.
- *Public Outreach.* Conducted Wetland Training for municipal boards & officials; continued to improve website ; collaborated in the development of Conservation Management Plan
- *Assist with grant applications.* Submitted Commonwealth Capital application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; assisted with the development of PWED (Public Works Economic Development); assisted with application for state grant to support reconstruction of Foundry Street; developed commercial vacancy report to determine eligibility for state funds; assisted with U.S.H.U.D. grant application for Muscato Stadium.
- *Promote Affordable Housing.* Drafted by-law establishing the Affordable Housing Trust; assisted drafting zoning amendments for Queset Commons Smart Growth Overlay District; drafted charter to merge Housing Partnership with Fair Housing Committee to create Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership.

Staff

Marc R. Rousseau, AICP, headed the department as director of Planning & Community Development, and was responsible for the Department's mission and overseeing the long-range planning and economic development efforts of the Town.

Alice A. Savage is responsible for providing technical review of permits including site plan and subdivision applications submitted to the Planning & Zoning Board and is staff liaison to the Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership. In 2008, Ms. Savage was Staff Planner; she was appointed as Acting Department Head effective 2009. Contact Ms. Savage for assistance with filing a subdivision plan, special permit, and site plan application. She can answer general questions related to available housing programs, including first-time homebuyer assistance and housing renovation programs, permitting, as well as zoning requirements. Contact information: 508-230-0643; asavage@easton.ma.us.

Stephanie Danielson is the Land Use Agent and is responsible for providing technical review of permit applications submitted to the Conservation Commission and staff liaison to the Historical Commission. Contact Ms. Danielson for assistance with filings with the Conservation Commission, questions relating to the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (WPA) and Town of Easton Wetland Protection Bylaw and allowed use of conservation land within the town. Contact information: 508-230-0641; sdanielson@easton.ma.us.

Pam Almeida is the Planning and Community Development Department Secretary. She supports both the Planning & Zoning Board and Conservation Commission. Contact Ms. Almeida for assistance with general inquiries, permit process questions, and filing applications for review under the purview of both the Planning & Zoning Board and Conservation Commission. Contact information: 508-230-0631; palmeida@easton.ma.us.

2008 REPORT OF
THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 2008 for the Easton Planning & Zoning Board. The Board continues to work responsibly with the administration and implementation of the Flexible Development Zoning By Laws adopted at Town Meeting in February 2000. These flexible zoning by-laws include Adult Retirement Developments, Open Space Residential Developments, Residential Compounds, Estate Lots and Common Driveways. These creative land planning and growth management tools have assisted with meeting the following community objectives:

* Encouraging more environmentally sensitive development;
* Preserving larger tracts of open space within or adjacent to new developments;
* Preserving Easton's remaining rural character;
* Minimizing long-term operating costs to the town through the approval of more private ways;
* Reducing the number of driveway cuts on a way thereby minimizing any public safety threat.

First, the Board would like to express its appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the former Director of Planning and Community Development, Marc Rousseau. Marc served the Town for 9 years, and the Board will always be grateful.

In 2008, the Planning and Zoning Board completely revised its Administrative Rules & Regulations and Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and oversaw adoption of a number of amendments to the Zoning By Law to improve the development and permitting process. Over the course of 25 meetings, the Board approved or denied twenty-nine (10) applications. These include two (2) Residential Compound Special Permit applications, three (3) Estate Lot Special Permit applications, two (2) Common Driveway Special Permit applications, two (2) Definitive Subdivision Special Permits and two (1) Definitive Subdivision Modifications.

The Board held a number of hearings on the Queset Smart Growth Overlay District (QSGOD), which was passed by a 2/3 majority vote at Town Meeting in May. The district conforms to MGL c. 40R, Smart Growth Zoning, and earned the town $350,000 in incentive payments from the State.

In June, Christine Santoro was re-appointed as a chair of the Planning & Zoning Board. Also in June, Alexander Maller was appointed as Alternate Member; filling the spot of Carolyn Simmons, who was appointed as Member. Ms. Simmons resigned in September and the Board's newest member, John Duggan, was appointed to fulfill her unexpired term in October. In November, Alexander Maller resigned as alternate member.

The Board appreciates the professional abilities, accomplishments and dedication provided by Director Marc R. Rousseau, the department's Staff Planner, Alice A. Savage and Principal clerk, Pamela Almeida. The Board would also like to thank our Town Administrator, David A. Colton, for his professionalism and support, as well as the various Town Departments, Boards, and Commissions for their cooperation and support.

In closing, any fellow citizen of Easton wishing to discuss an issue of concern may communicate this matter by calling the Planning & Zoning Board Office at 508-230-0630 or by contacting the Staff Planner by email at asavage@easton.ma.us or the Director of the Planning & Community Development Department by Email at mrousseau@easton.ma.us. The Board also maintains an Internet presence on the Town of Easton web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Santoro, Esq, Chair
Colin W. Gillis, Esq., Clerk
Alan Weeks, Member
Walter H. Johnson, Member
Gregory Strange, Member
Carol Symmons, Member
Alexander Maller, Alternate Member
John Duggan, Member

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers, within the Town of Easton, the State Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq. (the Act) and the Wetlands Protection By-Law (the By-law), Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 3 1OCMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law. Additionally, the Commission has been integral in Open Space planning and the acquisition of land for the purposes of land and wildlife preservation. The Commission has custody and control, for the Town, of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes. They include:

Dodd Gift, Flyaway Pond, Picker Field, Ames Long Pond, Tufts Farm, Stonehedge, Oliver Ames Parker Reservation, Town Forest, Clifford G. Grant Reservation, Friends Community, Krikis Gift, Carl Kane Gift, Fox Mountain, Old Pond, New Pond, Bay Road/Summer Street/off Lewis Road, Richard Southworth Jr. Gift, Metacomet, Settlers Pond, Donald MacKinnon Gift, Wallace Gilmore, Wheaton Farm, Eastman Street to Chestnut Street, Selee Pond off Possum Road, Willis 0. Buck property off Poquanticut Avenue, Monte Pond, Douglas A. King Gift off Clara Howard Road, Patrick Kelly and Granite Industrial Corp off Depot Street and Prospect Street, Jeffrey Cofftnan. Alan and Suzanne Zaff gift off Rockmeadow Estates, Robert Gilmore Gift off Oldfield Drive, Douglas A King Gift off Rockland Street and Bay Road, Charles Mirrione Gift off Christian Drive, Harlow Sweet Gift, Douglas A King Gift off Bay Road, Endriunas brothers/Douglas A King Gift off Norton Avenue, Charles Mirrione gift off Bradford Street, Richard Donahue. Joseph Urcipoli Gift off Hickory Lane, Charles Mirrione Gift off Penney Lane and the Oliver Ames gift of Langwater Pond off Main Street.

Another key area of Commission jurisdiction is enforcement. Violations of the Act and/or the By-Law, are investigated and when necessary, appropriate proceedings follow. In 2008 the Commission had eight enforcement actions. Enforcement action occurs when, either through observation by the Commission, its staff, or by citizen complaint, activities are observed that are in violation of the Act or the Bylaw. Many of these situations occur due to a lack of awareness of the laws, what constitutes a wetland resource and what constitutes prohibited activities within those resources. During enforcement, our primary objective is to work with people who are in violation to educate them, restore the impacted resource area and prevent future violations. In general, most parties involved in a violation are very cooperative and these matters are relatively easy to resolve. When necessary, however, the Commission has resources available to remedy violations. These include: civil action, criminal complaint, injunctive relief, and the imposition of fines, including the Non-Criminal Disposition procedures authorized by Town By-Laws.

The Commission and its staff are integral to the Town's Planning and Community Development Department. During the year 2008, the Commission held 49 public hearings requesting permits for work and confirmation of wetland resource area delineations. Due to the complexity of several projects or the need for additional information from applicants, a number of these meetings were continued and required to be heard over a series of meetings of the Commission. However, the majority of hearings are completed within one or two meetings. The Commission issued 27 Orders of Conditions and Permits for Work, 5 Orders of Resource Area Delineation, 9 Determinations of Applicability, 25 Full Certificates of Compliance and 6 Partial Certificates of Compliance. There were also 6 Extensions granted for Orders of Conditions and Permits for Work and 1 Extension issued for an Order of Resource Area Delineation.

Our Land Use Agent conducted 143 jurisdictional inspections in response to filings made by constituents for Building Permits. A number of these inspections resulted in filings before the Commission. The staff also provided technical review and comment to the following Boards, Commissions and Departments:

Zoning Board of Appeals - 18
Planning and Zoning Board – 17
Department of Public Works – 4
Building Department - 128
Town Administration - 2

The following land acquisitions were completed this year or are in the final stages of completion:

Land off Foundry Street – This parcel is comprised of 36.79 acres and is located in the Federal Furnace Village Historic District on the south side of Foundry Street. The now breached Keith Pond, which historically powered various mills, is located on the site at the confluence of the Poquanticut and Beaver Brook. South of the confluence the brook becomes the Mulberry, flowing through the Town's extensive Wheaton Farm holdings and terminating at Lake Winnecunnett. This acquisition provides protection to important wildlife habitat and provides connectivity with conservation land on the north side of Foundry Street around New and Old Pond.

Land off Purchase Street – This 15 acre parcel is being donated to the town for open space preservation under the care and management of the Conservation commission by Mr. Michael Haikal. The site provides habitat for the Blandings turtle, which is listed on the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program as an endangered species.

Lots 6 and 6A Josie's Way - These adjacent parcels are being donated to the town by T & M Realty, under the care and management of the Conservation Commission for open space preservation. These two parcels adjoin land that will extend the Wheaton Farm holdings planned to be donated to the town over the next several years by Paul Barg.

Project proponents filed two Superior Court appeals relative to decisions made by the Commission under the Town of Easton Wetlands protection bylaw this year, and results are still pending. Two appeals of the Commission's decisions made under the State Wetlands Protection Act were also filed by applicants. One appeal remains under review by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); in the other case, the DEP denied the appeal and supported the Commission's original determination.

The Commission submitted a draft update of the 5-year Open Space Plan this past year and has received preliminary acceptance by the Department of Conservation Services, pending some minor modifications. This document serves as a guidebook for land preservation in Easton, providing the roadmap for future land acquisition and management.

Following a Request for Proposals to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Town's conservation land holdings, the Commission awarded the contract to Call of the Wild Consulting and Environmental Services, Inc. Over the past year, Call of the Wild interviewed key stakeholders to understand specific objectives for acquiring various parcels and has been conducting field surveys to develop an inventory of the extent and types of natural resources that exist on the land. The plan is expected to be completed in February 2009 and will identify the best management practices for ensuring proper protection, preservation and use of the land to meet the intended goals for the land when it was acquired.

Staff attended several educational workshops including the MassDEP Stormwater Regulation Revisions Workshop, MACC Spring/Summer Conference, Massachusetts Cranberry Agriculture Workshop, 2008 Smart Growth/Smart Energy Conference: THINK GREEN.

The Commission's webpage, located on the Town of Easton website (http://www.easton.ma.us), provides you with useful information about the Commission including its schedule and upcoming agenda, minutes of past meetings, as well as an overview of wetlands protection and forms necessary for filing projects with the Commission. There are links to other helpful and informative resources.

The Commission may be reached via email, feedback on our website, by phone at (508) 230-0630 or by fax at (508) 230-0639. Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday evenings, and Tuesday evenings when there is a Holiday on the Monday. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions, and town residents are always most welcome.

The Commission would like to thank Pamela Almeida, the Department secretary, Stacey Lincoln, the recording secretary and Stephanie Danielson, the Land Use Agent for their support this past year. Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town who have worked in conjunction with the Commission to support the protection of wetlands and care of open space in the town. We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton, for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

We, the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 2008.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws in addition to applications filed for Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B Mass. General Laws. Twenty (20) petitions, comprised of five (5) Variances; eleven (11) Special Permits; three (3) Comprehensive Permits; and one (1) Administrative Appeal were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In 2008, the Board of Selectmen appointed Thomas Pursley to a second term as a full Board Member. Paul T. Prew was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as an Alternate Member.

	Comprehensive Permit	Variance	Special Permit	Administrative Appeal
Petitions Granted		3	9	
Petitions Denied		2	2	
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed				1
Chapter 40B	3			
Continued to 2009	3			
To Be Heard in 2009				

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board would also like to thank their secretary, Ellen Weene, for her hard work and dedication. The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Thomas A. Pursley, Vice-Chairman
Stephen Pinzari, Clerk
John Tupper
Christopher Pike
Scott E. Erlich, Alternate
Paul T. Prew, Alternate

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2008.

Mr. Gil Heino was elected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. Mr. Robert J. Kane was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Mr. Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Assistant Health Director Ms. Kristin C. Kennedy, R.S., Food Inspector Mr. Timothy Meyers, Office Assistant/Burial Agent Ms. Teressa M. Wooding, Animal Inspector Mr. John D. Melin and Animal Inspector Ms. Elizabeth J. DeRosa. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy maintained their education requirements for their state licenses and certifications by attending professional education classes throughout the year. Mr. Kane, Mr. Heino and Dr. Kligler attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health. This seminar educated the Board members on public health issues and laws. Mr. Meyers successfully passed the Certified Pool/Spa Operator's certification as well as the Licensed Soil Evaluator's license.

The Board of Health met 23 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied and focused on community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on the town's website www.easton.ma.us. Click on department tab then click Board of Health.

The Board of Health adopted a Temporary Food Establishment Policy. The food policy focuses on temporary food establishments. The policy offers three permit prices based on the menu risk. The lower priced permit would favor less risky foods. As the risk for food contamination increases so does the permit price.

To compliment the Temporary Food Policy, a fact sheet promoting food safety guidelines was created by staff and accepted by the Board of Health. The information is helpful to the general public who have little experience in the food industry. The guidelines address basic food safety practices required in food preparation. Also, topics such as sanitation procedures and substitutes for safer foods were included.

Due to budget cuts, a streamline permitting process was developed to supplement lost labor. Without additional funds, we utilized our current computer technology to create permit applications and permits, distribute material to potential applicants, improve review time of incoming applications and issue permit(s) to the applicant(s) in a timely manner. This year was our first attempt using this process. We met our initial goals but will be fine tuning the application procedure each time we use it. The permitting process starts in September and is completed by the end of January.

The streamline permitting process also involved the inspectional staff with permit application approvals and compiling data into an organized data base. The Excel data base limited the dependency for a paper file and allowed automation in printing permits. Establishments that required training certificates and insurance for a completed application were quickly resolved with minimal callbacks. The new procedure proved to be more efficient then past years. The drawback was that field inspectors were performing clerical duties. This year the office issued 99% of all permits by the end of January. Included in this process the Board of Health was receptive to move all annual permits to start at the calendar year. This did not include seasonal permits.

One grant application was submitted to the town's Loss Control Manager, MIIA in August. The grant was denied. The grant sought financial support for defibrillators (AED's) located in town owned public buildings. The purpose of the grant was to replace the existing batteries and electric pads with new ones. Both of these items have an expiration date. Monies from the grant would

have also paid to re-certify town employees in CPR and defibrillator training. Town employees that occupy the buildings with defibrillator units would have been trained or recruited.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 2008 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 507 residents; Mantoux testing, 16 residents; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 259 residents including 149 residents for Blood Pressure, 64 residents for Blood Sugar, 46 residents for Total Cholesterol Screening and 0 residents for vaccinations; Communicable Disease, 57 investigations; Maternal Child, 0 contacts; Latent Tuberculosis Infections, 6 follow ups of reported cases. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. We also provided a public health nurse for one hour each month (every fourth Monday), at the Town Offices, for town residents or employees. The nurse is available for Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar screenings and information regarding your health or the health of your loved ones.

A sharps program for the town residents currently is underway to comply with the 2009 solid waste regulations. Sharps are used syringes. Starting, July 2009, domestic syringes can not be disposed in household trash. The sharps' program will provide residents a location to properly dispose their used syringes. The drop off center is available at the fire station located on Lothrop Street. The fire department may be able to supply residents with sharps containers for their use if they don't have one.

The office continued to gain momentum in the town's emergency dispensing site and training for the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. The office was involved in hosting a number of emergency planning meetings with other town officials, town public nurse and Brian Kiely Supervisor of Operations of the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. The regional school is one of the town's proposed dispensing sites. We were fortunate to have available three experts from the state, Colonel David Gavigan Commander Special Operations, Thomas Fantozzi Emergency Preparedness Planner and Amy Palmer Emergency Preparedness Planner to present town personnel steps to develop a dispensing site in town. This will be an ongoing project.

The office with the help of Cheryl Bushnell, Coordinator for the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corps hosted two educational seminars for the town's Medical Reserve Corp volunteers. The topics were Medical Reserve Corp Overview and Personal and Family Preparedness. Our training statistics reveal that we received a total of 30 applications that applied to the Medical Reserve Corp volunteer program. A total of 49 people participated in our local training seminar program.

The rabies epizootic exists in the state of Massachusetts. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised as well as required by law. In the spring of 2008, two rabies clinics were held. On April 6, 2008, 38 dogs and 7 cats were vaccinated. On April 20, 2008, 22 dogs and 20 cats were vaccinated. A total of 87 animals were vaccinated by the program. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The West Nile Virus (WNV) and the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) are both a public health concern. State wide, for the West Nile Virus, there was 1 human case this year located in Cambridge. No birds tested positive for West Nile Virus in town. For the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus, state wide, there was 1 human case in Newburyport and 1 horse case in Freetown. At the local level there were 0 mosquito pools that tested positive for the virus and 0 horse fatalities. Both viruses are passed on from the bird population to the mosquito. The virus is then passed on to the mosquito's next host(s), human or animal, when the female mosquito draws blood for her eggs to develop inside her. As a preventative measure to control the viruses, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project offers an adult mosquito spraying program each spring which continues throughout the summer months. The spraying is done on request by either local

residents or city/town officials. The telephone number for Bristol County Mosquito Control is 508-823-5253.

There were 738 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 0; Body Art Practitioner, 0; Camps/Motels/Trailer Parks, 5; Caterers, 6; Death Certificates, 48; Dumpsters, 211; Dumpster Service, 18; Food Establishments, 193; Funeral Directors, 3; Disposal System Construction Permits, 95; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 64; Massage Licenses, 14; Mobile Food, 0; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 0; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 11; Tanning Facilities, 7; Tobacco Sales Permits, 36; Residential curbside 5; and Transport Offal, 22.

The office logged 45 valid complaints from the general public. If you have any questions, concerns, need advice or information, you may reach our office at 508-230-0620.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kane, Chairman
Gil A. Heino
Dr. Roger M. Kligler

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

2008 REPORT OF
THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

We are the officers in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resource Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and the local Board of Health.

We continue to pick up and submit birds for testing due to the presence of the West Nile Virus. We work closely with the Department of Public Health's guidelines when submitting specimens. This year we have submitted crows and blue jays that we suspect may have been infected. We picked up 24 birds this year.

We have recorded 14 animal bites this year. These animals were placed under quarantine for 10 days.

Two dogs and 4 cats were placed under confinement this year due to an encounter with wildlife or having a wound of unknown origin.

Animal Census: 10 goats, 18 beef cattle and 67 chickens.

We have received reports of 144 sightings of wildlife on the roads and in backyards this year. We must remember that wildlife are survivors in the wild, however, if an easy accessible food source is available, they will keep retuning to its source. Therefore, we urge residents not to leave their pet's food outside for long periods of time and keep trash containers covered.

We continue to educate the public on issues of animal diseases, investigate all animal bites and issue quarantine and confinement notices. We check on the handling and care of domestic livestock and other domestic animals in accordance with state laws. We work closely with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Environmental Police and the Animal Rescue League. We receive advice and work with practicing veterinarians equipped with the knowledge and experience in handling common urban wildlife. We can be reached by calling (508)230-3353 or (508)230-0620.

We would like to thank the Board of Health Director, Wade Saucier, the members of his board and Teressa Wooding. We would also like to thank the Town Clerk and his office, the Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works. Their help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Animal Inspector
Elizabeth DeRosa, Animal Inspector

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

In March of 2008, Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the merger of the Fair Housing Committee and the Housing Partnership Committee to join together as The Fair and Affordable Housing Partnership with its mission being:

- To develop, preserve, and advocate for housing opportunities for a broad range of income levels
- To promote housing choice in Easton
- To eliminate discrimination in housing and increase awareness of Fair Housing laws
- To exercise a leadership position in affordable housing development and planning for fair and affordable housing

The Fair and Affordable Housing Partnership is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. To assist in the development and/or updating of the Town's Affordable Housing Plan.
2. Explore opportunities to expand affordable housing in accordance with Easton's Affordable Housing Plan
3. Work with the Community Preservation Act Committee to develop ideas eligible for CPA funding, and recommend same to the Board of Selectmen.
4. Participate in the review of all comprehensive permit applications.
5. Develop proposed application materials for comprehensive permits for use by the HPC, Board of Appeals and Board of Selectmen.
6. Submit annual report for inclusion to the Town Report.

The Fair and Affordable Housing Partnership encourages people to log onto the Town's Website which holds information and resources for persons seeking affordable housing.

We would like to thank former committee chair Rachel Hansen for her invaluable contributions to the committee. Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald was elected as the Chair in January, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair
Paula Piccinin, Secretary
Ghardy Daniel
Donna Bonia
Calvin Harris
Ilisabeth Bornstein
Rachel Hansen

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The Commission works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards and committees to monitor and help guide any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. We are available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes and archeological sites in the town of Easton.

The Commission's activities this past year include:

- Continuing active support of the Unity Church restoration project
- Working with the owner of both the former North Easton Grammar and Lincoln Street Intermediate Schools to finalize details of restoration, and the installation of appropriate signage at each location
- Developing a maintenance plan for The Rockery, including a partnership with the Easton Garden Club
- Monitoring the disposition the Dean Mill property
- Monitoring plans for development at Shovel Shops
- Monitoring plans for restoration of Queset Garden, located behind the Ames Free Library and the Rose Garden, located adjacent to Town Hall
- Unveiling the final draft of the Historic Preservation Plan for the town, in hopes it will be incorporated in a Master Plan for future development in Easton
- Working with property owners throughout the year on various restorations, additions and preservation projects.
- Successful nomination of the Ames Shovel Shops complex to Preservation Mass' list of Most Endangered Historic Resources
- Supporting CPA funding for the restoration of the WWI monument on Main St.

The Commission presented awards again this year at its annual ceremony on December 7th at the Unity Church. The purpose of these awards is to offer recognition to those who have expended effort in preservation and restoration of our town's many treasures, whether great or small. John Grant was presented with the W.L.Chaffin Award, and Aaron Wluka and Mitch Finn received the Clement C. Briggs Award for their restoration of 9 Mechanic St. The event, which also featured the "Beauty of Easton" photography contest, was very well attended. We thank both the Bank of Easton for its continued support, and Unity Church for hosting this popular event.

The Boston Post Cane still resides with Amalie Kramer, Easton's most senior citizen. Thanks to North Easton Savings Bank for its generous sponsorship of this program.

During the past year, members of the Commission were active in other town roles and community organizations. Melanie Deware is the clerk of the Cemetery Commission. John Ventresco is a director of the Friends of Borderland. Edmund Hands serves on the Community Preservation Act Committee, the Board of the Natural Resources Trust and on the board of the Historical Society. Dr. Greg Galer is a member of the Town/Gown Committee between Stonehill College and the Town of Easton.

Two new members have been added to the Commission in 2008: David Olsen and Paul Fitzpatrick. The EHC wishes to thank Mary Fitzgerald and Marcy Stefura for their service during the year. Associate Member Frank Mennino also stepped down this year to concentrate on his duties as curator of the Easton Historical Society.

The Commission welcomes comments and questions, and is eager to assist any citizen with issues related to historic preservation in town. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, homestead research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, North Easton, through our link on the town website: www.easton.ma.us ,or by calling the Chairman at 508 238 0373.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie J.L. Deware, Chairman
John J. Ventresco, Vice Chairman
Paul Fitzpatrick, Secretary
Dr. Gregory J. Galer
Edmund Hands
David Olson
Larry Mowatt, Associate Member
Catherine Adler, Associate Member

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include; Patricia Hunt, Esq., former selectwoman and former FinCom member; James D. Mullen, Jr., former selectman and former FinCom member; Avery Lee Williams, businessperson active in many community organizations; and Colleen Less, Esq., former selectwoman. John Grant serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; Edmund Hands serves for the Easton Historical Commission; Len Cidado for the Recreation Commission; Christine Santoro, Esq., Chairperson of the Easton Planning and Zoning Board, serves for the PZB; and Dennis Sheedy for the Easton Housing Authority. We want to thank departing Recreation Commission representative Mike McDonald and at-large member Michael Boyle for their service on the committee. A warm welcome is extended to our new members Colleen Less and Len Cidado.

As mentioned in prior reports, the Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. Today, development of our open spaces and historic sites continues. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first $100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

Since 2002, the Commonwealth has distributed six rounds of 100% state CPA matching funds to participating communities. Easton, together with 33 other communities, has participated from the start, receiving that first 100% state match in 2002 and in the following five years. In 2008, because 127 communities now participate in CPA and due to the economic downturn, the state match this year was not 100% for the first time since the passage of the Community Preservation Act. This year's state match was 67.62% - not a bad return on an investment, especially in this economy. As Easton has a 3% CPA surcharge, it is eligible for an enhanced state match and received 75.75%, for a total of $643,135. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. This latest award increases Easton's total state matching funds to $4.25 million.

As of December 31, 2008, Easton's CPA reserves are as follows: $927,352 in CPA housing reserves; $469,352 in historic preservation reserves; $670,535 in open space reserves; and $6,934,121 in unreserved CPA funds. The separate reservations are required by CPA - 10% must be set aside for: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular purpose, but must be spent only on community preservation projects. The money cannot be directed to ordinary town expenditures. Litigation this past year in other communities has helped to clarify eligible CPA projects. CPA funds can only be spent as the CPA law states and upon a favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and town meeting approval.

This year, CPA funds were used to restore the historic World War I Memorial in front of the Grammar School building on Main Street. New playgrounds with modern equipment were created at the Olmsted and Richardson Schools. Feasibility studies were performed on parcels located on Washington Street and Williams Street for their potential use for recreational playing fields. A parcel on Bay Road was also reviewed a second time for recreation playing fields. All three parcels were found to have site issues that increased development costs and limited the number of potential fields and all three parcels were not recommended. This year, the four units of affordable housing created by the May Institute, previously funded (in part) with CPA funds, were finally certified in the town's affordable housing inventory. Final

payment for the Unity Church's historic preservation project was made this year. The Committee also held preliminary discussions regarding an affordable housing proposal of the Easton Housing Authority on Poquanticut Ave.; examined the preservation of the historic Dean Mill and the potential for acquiring an historic preservation restriction; and held discussions with the owner of open space off Poquanticut Ave for the acquisition of that parcel for conservation purposes.

As previously outlined during town meeting presentations and in prior reports, the Committee anticipates the major expenditures from CPA funds will be in land acquisitions. If we follow the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, the town's long-term open space and recreation needs can be satisfied – to protect water supply and watershed areas; to preserve the town's major scenic vistas and historic landscapes; to connect important wildlife habitat and green spaces; and to accommodate the community's current and future needs for passive and active recreation and for recreational field space. One of the priority parcels identified in the Open Space and Recreation Plan contains more than 100 acres and is suitable for a new recreational playing fields complex. We believe that such an important acquisition would satisfy the town's current and future needs for recreational playing fields. Because that parcel was still not available for acquisition this year, the committee again worked with the Recreation Commission to identify other sites for interim playing fields. This year, the town also faced new challenges in protecting its historic sites. Thankfully, we have an active Historic Commission to guide historic preservation in Easton - we look forward to working with them to help further their efforts.

The town's CPA expenditures so far:

Historic Resources: $100,000 - Olmstead Rockery restoration project; $380,000 - Unity Church Restoration project and purchase of historic preservation/public access restriction; $5000 - Historic Preservation Plan; $3000 WWI Monument restoration project.

Open Space and Recreation: $142,614 - Olmsted/Richardson Playground Creation Project; $1.375 million - acquisition of 40-acre parcel of land located on Dean Street; feasibility studies for the creation of new recreation fields on town-owned parcel on Foundry Street and parcels on Depot Street, Washington Street, and Williams Street.

Community Housing: $25,000 - four units of affordable housing - May Institute Project; funding for Town's Affordable Housing Plan.

There are two websites that contain information on the Community Preservation Act. One is the website of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at www.state.ma.us/envir and the other is at www.communitypreservation.org. Easton's CPA Committee also lists information on the Town's website at www.easton.ma.us. The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. All CPA projects must be approved by Town Meeting. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

In closing, we want to thank Town Administrator David Colton for his assistance. We also want to thank Town Accountant Wendy Nightingale for her valuable financial and accounting assistance and Mike Deltano for assisting us with our webpage. We thank the Selectmen for their continued support of CPA and the Committee's efforts. Primarily, appreciation is due to the people of Easton for their foresight in passing the Community Preservation Act and for their continued support of its goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hunt, Chair; James D. Mullen, Jr., Vice Chair; Avery Lee Williams, Clerk ; Len Cidado; John Grant; Edmund Hands; Colleen Less; Christine Santoro, Esq.; and Dennis Sheedy

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Department is responsible for planning, organizing and implementing year-round recreational programs and activities to serve the needs of all ages within the community. With a full-time Recreation Director and part-time Program Director in place during 2008, the department was able to almost double the number of programs offered to the town. There is still work to be done in developing programs for preschoolers, teens and adults. However, we look forward to acquiring the space to develop these programs when the department moves to Frothingham Hall in the near future. Expanded programming not only helps us reach more people in the community, it allows us to become a more self-sustaining department. The programs and activities offered during 2008 are listed below.

Youth Programs:

Homework Club, Chess, Running Club, Lacrosse, Ice Skating Lessons, Ski & Snowboard Lessons, Snow Tubing, February and April Vacation Activities, Tee Ball & Pre-Baseball, Flag Football, Super Sports, Girls Volleyball, Our Strength, Golf Lessons, Lego Playland, Red Sox Workshop, Rocket Robot, Make It and Take It Home, Full Day Summer Program, Swimming Lessons at the Town Pool, Archery, Skyhawks Sports Programs, Tennis, Children's Races, Hannah Montana Rock Star Party, Forensic Detectives, Girls Science Club, Acting Classes, Karate

Adult Programs and Special Events:

Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Yoga, Golf, Holiday Egg Hunt, Red Sox Trips to Tampa & Baltimore, Spring & Fall Trips to New York City, Archaeological Adventure, Opening Day Celebration at the Town Pool, Senior BBQ, Summer Concerts, Patriots Trip to Miami, Trip to the Boston Nutcracker, Trip to the Yankee Candle Complex and Bright Lights at Forest Park, Senior Holiday Luncheon

This year the department began distributing quarterly flyers listing all of our seasonal program offerings, rather than separate flyers for each program. These flyers are distributed throughout the Easton public schools. Program information is also printed in the local newspapers and posted on the town website and town crier. We were able to purchase a high speed copier to print program flyers in house, rather than send them to a printing company. This will save the department a significant amount of money in paper and printing costs.

A new committee formed this year in conjunction with the Recreation Department. Activate Easton was created to encourage and facilitate healthy lifestyles for individuals and families in our community by promoting healthy eating habits and physical activity. Members of the committee include representatives from the Recreation Department, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, YMCA, local businesses and concerned community members. The committee organized a free family walking program during the summer and a Walking School Bus program in the fall at the Olmsted School.

The Walking School Bus program aims to establish healthy lifetime habits for students by encouraging walking to school and during recess. The program garnered much media attention and was successful enough to win an award from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Safe Routes to School. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make this program such a success.

The department received wonderful news when the family of Victoria Snelgrove agreed to fund a new playground structure in town. The department organized a community build to assemble the structure, enlisting the help of volunteers and soliciting donations from local businesses. On June 13 and 14, 2008, over fifty volunteers came out to help us build Torie's Place III behind the old North Easton Grammar School. This is the newest playground built in memory of Victoria Snelgrove and funded by the Victoria Snelgrove Memorial Fund. Local companies donated equipment and manpower and several restaurants donated food and beverages for the volunteers. We thank everyone who helped us with this project,

especially the Snelgrove family for this very generous gift to the town. We would also like to thank the DPW for their help with this project and the construction of a new tee ball field at the same site. The field will be ready for use in the spring of 2009.

The department is extremely grateful to the H.U.G.S. organization for donating $8,000 to fund the Homework Club at the Middle School. Children in grades 6-8 can participate in this free program where teachers are available after school to help with homework questions or problems. H.U.G.S. also funds the Middle School late bus which provides transportation home for children enrolled in the Homework Club and other after school activities. We thank H.U.G.S. on behalf of the many families who utilize these invaluable services.

The department continues to work with the CPA Committee to identify and acquire additional open space for recreational purposes. We are thankful to the CPA Committee for their support in funding two new playgrounds at the Olmsted and Richardson Schools. Children in grades 3-5 now have play structures to use during recess, where there were none before.

Save Easton Recreation Department (SERD) continues to assist the department with additional funding for the town pool when needed. We are very thankful for their support and continued fundraising efforts. We feel fortunate to have such a unique facility for the community to enjoy each summer.

The department encourages program ideas, suggestions and feedback from the community. A program evaluation form is available on-line to help us better serve the residents of Easton. The office telephone number is 508-230-0650 for more information or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director
Anne Daley, Program Director
Michael McDonald, Chairman
Tana Babbitt
Robert Benton
Leonard Cidado
Kathleen DeGrandis
Charles Hammond
Elizabeth Nikiciuk

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 2008 the Town of Easton's Veterans' Services Department assisted over 375 veterans and/or their dependents.

Forty-one veterans and/or their dependents received $157,612.00 in financial assistance for household and medical expenses under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during 2008 were paid from local appropriation. The State will reimburse the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provided an Annual Annuity of $2,000 each to 31 disabled veterans or their dependents paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. Certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses are eligible for this annuity program. Applications are available at this Veterans' Services Department.

The Veterans Administration estimates that veterans from the Town of Easton received over $ 2,650,000 in VA benefits last year. These benefits went mainly to veterans for service connected disabilities, paid by the federal government, at no cost to the residents of Easton. Some of the benefits are for non-service connected pensions, which includes Aid and Attendance for housebound veterans and/or their spouses. This office handled 87 applications for VA benefits during 2008.

The Director of Veterans' Services made sixty trips to the VA hospitals as well as local hospitals to insure that veterans in need of transportation were able to get the medical care they need and have earned as a result of their service to this country.

This office was involved with citizens of Easton, especially a dedicated contingent from St. Mark's Church, in continuing Operation Mail Call. The purpose of this organization is to help insure that Easton citizens serving in the Armed Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq know how grateful we are for their service.

Other services provided to the veterans of Easton include help in obtaining separation papers, service medals, property tax exemptions, and fuel assistance.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2547, and the residents and businesses of Easton for their continued support of our veterans.

Semper Fi

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Nolan
Director of Veterans' Services

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP, INC.

During the program year ending September 30, 2008 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $22M and provided direct services to 32,989 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF EASTON Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $375,763 to 506 households during program year 2008.

Self Help's total funding of $22,163,958 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $2,806,153 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was $24,970,111.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of Easton and its representative to our board Ms. Doreen Lindsay, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2008 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Human Resource Director

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2008, the Council on Aging reached out to the 4,088 elderly residents of Easton through our monthly newsletter that was distributed to many business locations around town and was mailed, or e-mailed to individuals upon request. The Council provided approximately 24,500 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to 1,150 elderly residents.

We provided 8,427 rides for 127 elderly and disabled residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community buildings at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle for Council on Aging programs on our lift-equipped shuttle vans. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit Dial-a-Bat service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided foot care and a hearing instrument consultant from Mass.Audiology conducted hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repair at monthly clinics. Southeast Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center sponsored a number of monthly Wellness Lunches and Teas followed by health related presentations. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program and our weekly Tai-Chi class with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs. Seniors participated in recreational programs including bridge, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, and quilting. Many traveled with us on motorcoach day trips, which concluded in September. We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly including meals on wheels delivery to our homebound elders and help for our seniors with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. A number of senior volunteers participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are thankful to the many groups and individuals who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support. The Recreation Commission provided a Summer Barbecue in June for our elderly residents including entertainment by the Double Eagle Oktoberfest Band and sponsored two Holiday motorcoach trips in December. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our elderly residents in September. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate continued their Turkey Brigade-to-Go and delivered hot turkey dinners on Thanksgiving Day to a number of our elderly residents. Children in the K.I.D.S. (**K**indness to **I**ndividuals **D**eserving **S**upport) program at the F.L. Olmstead and H.H. Richardson Schools provided wonderful gift boxes for our elderly who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December and the Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our elderly residents. We thank the Bristol County Sheriff's Dept., the Easton Police and Fire Departments and senior participants of TRIAD who provided a number of programs which promote the safety and well being of our elderly residents.

Our outreach services were reduced at the end of August when our afternoon Outreach Coordinator, Marilyn Lauricella, left us to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Because of budget constraints and a hiring freeze, this afternoon outreach position was not filled. Therefore, outreach services and programs were limited to morning hours during the second half of the year when our Outreach Coordinator, Beverly Beavers, made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elderly Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs in the Community Center at Parker Terrace and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance.

We extend our appreciation to the Easton Housing Authority, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. We look forward to working with town officials as plans proceed to renovate Frothingham Hall for use as a multi-purpose community center and look forward to the day when we can offer programs and services for our elderly residents in this wonderful, historic building. For more information on programs and services, please contact Dolores Kent, COA director, at 508-230-0540 or by e-mail, dkent@easton.ma.us.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Spillane, Chairman
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chairman
Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary
David Cudmore, Member
Rose Friedeborn, Member
Marie Healey, Member
Jean Shearing, Member
Dolores Kent, Director

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to present its' annual report for the year 2008. The Authority's 184 state-aided elderly/disabled, 10 state-aided family and 101 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The Easton Housing Authority is an Authority of the State and is governed by a five member board of Commissioners. Four of these Commissioners are elected by the citizens of the town of Easton and one Commissioner is appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Governor's appointed position remains unfilled.

The Authority gained a new member in April, 2008, following the town election. Mr. Thomas Downey complements the board as a valuable member with fresh ideas.

The Easton Housing Authority maintains open waiting lists for the state-aided elderly/disabled and state-aided family programs. Easton residents and applicants who work in the town of Easton receive preference on our waiting list. Currently the income limits for the elderly/disabled and family housing units are as follows:

One Person	$44,050.00
Two People	$50,300.00
Three People	$56,600.00
Four People	$62,900.00
Five People	$67,950.00
Six People	$72,950.00
Seven People	$78,000.00
Eight or more	$83,050.00

Senior citizens over the age of 60 and who fall within the published income guidelines are eligible to apply for housing at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle. Additionally applicants with a disability who are unable to locate alternative suitable housing may be eligible. Families who fall within the published income guidelines are eligible to apply for housing in one of our ten family units. The Easton Housing Authority maintains an open waiting list for family housing, therefore it is lengthy, but residents are encouraged to apply. Anyone interested in applying for either state-aided public housing programs are encouraged to contact our office for an application and information. Assistance is available to anyone requested help in completing an application or obtaining housing.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program waiting list remains closed.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

Anyone interested in applying to the Authority, or wishing to hear more about our programs can contact our office:

By Phone	508-238-4747
By FAX	508-230-9694
By Email	eastonha@aol.com
By Mail	Parker Terrace North Easton, MA 02356

The Authority always extends its gratitude to the residents, staff and residents of Easton for their continued support. It is this support that enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its residents with safe, sanitary and decent housing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Sheedy, Chairman
Thomas Downey, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Conant, Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer

2008 REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for ensuring that our town own cemeteries are maintained for our future generations. The biggest concern we have is the damage the weather is causing to the stones. We try with our available funds to clean, straightening and resetting or replacing where needed. We follow up on the veterans buried in all our cemeteries.

We reset all the remaining toppled stones and cleaned the marble ones at the Dr. Edward Dean Cemetery. The stone wall at the Washington Street Cemetery was repaired. We filled a grave at the Seelee Cemetery that was sinking.

We welcome Kit Minsky as our new member to the Commission; she is reviewing and updating our records so that in the future we can put them in a database.

We made sight visit to all the cemeteries during the summer.

We would like to thank Paul O'Neil and his crew for the excellent job in mowing and cleaning the town own cemeteries.

We would like to express our appreciation to our Town Officials, all town department heads and the citizens of Easton for their support in helping us to maintain the care of our cemeteries.

We encourage our residents to take some time and visit our historic cemeteries and read the script on the stones.

The Commission can be reach by calling the Town Clerk 508-230-0531

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin
Melanie Deware
Kit Minsky

2008 REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2008.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is also involved in a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal events as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Bridgewater, Easton, Plympton and West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plans; the Council also completed work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2008 Elderly Needs Plan Update; the Old Colony 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); the FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Route 27 Corridor Study in Stoughton, Brockton and Whitman; Safety Audits for Route 24, Thatcher Street in Brockton/East Bridgewater and Landing Road in Kingston; The Bourne Road Corridor Study in Plymouth; the OCPC 2008 DataBook; The Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT - FY 2008 Ridership Analysis, Old Colony Human Service Coordination Plan Update, System Time Study and Route 2A Study; and numerous Intersection/Technical Studies. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on expedited permitting; conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region; and continued participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Taskforce. OCPC is also working with the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (DEP), the towns of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater Whitman and the City of Brockton on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study which the Council initiated. OCPC also administered the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Hanson, Pembroke and Kingston. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 121,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 520,000 meals to the seniors. The OCPC Ombudsman Staff and Volunteers made 1,576 visits to nursing homes, provided 292 consultations to individuals and 128 to nursing homes.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2008, the Council elected Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council President; Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council Treasurer; and, Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair James Taylor for their dedication, commitment and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen Donahue, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008
REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for federal fiscal year 2008.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input form the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 2008, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of program and services:

*Mental Health Services
*Personal Care & Respite
*Transportation
*Services for Disabled Elders
*Legal Services
*Emergency Intervention Service
*Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
*Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
*Family Caregiver Support

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs in the region, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee funding awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Committee Chairman Jim Taylor of Duxbury for his leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolores Kent, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

2008 was a busy and productive year for the Municipal Building Committee. Attorney Robert E. Langway, Jr. continued in his role as chairman for a portion of the year as did Ralph Vatalaro as Vice Chairman. The committee maintained a regular meeting schedule on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings were held at 5:30 p.m. in the OAHS Administration Conference Room. The Committee is grateful for and has benefited greatly from the services of a permanent secretary, Karen Gilbride-Raynard. Throughout the year, the Committee devoted most of its time to the ongoing construction/renovation projects at the OAHS and EMS. The year saw the substantial completion of both the OA High School Project and the Easton Middle School Project with emphasis on punch list completion.

Throughout the year, in connection with these major construction projects, the Committee met and conferred with scores of town officials, various boards and committees and individual citizens. Frequent communication with the newly formed Massachusetts School Building Assistance Bureau has favored the construction projects and benefited the town.

During 2008, the Committee continued to work closely with the School Superintendent and DPW Director on an ongoing basis to develop capital improvement and maintenance plans for all town buildings.

In 2009, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee the completion of the school construction projects and looks forward to participating in other initiatives to improve school and other town buildings. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the OAHS Administration Conference Room and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J Vatalaro, III., Chairman
Marc Brockman
Ken Carlson
Wally Fulcher
Dennis Kenny, Vice Chairman
Jane Martin

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Where the Community Connects..."

	Total Circulation	*Change from Prior Year*	*Percent Change*
2007	109,334	6,224	6%
2008	123,753	14,419	13%

The Ames Free Library reached a dramatic new high in total circulation this year as people in Easton rediscovered libraries – as they did all over the United States – during the economic recession. After years of steady but modest growth, the increase shown above is significant. This growth comes in the same year as the branch at Five Corners was closed and during our occupancy of Frothingham Hall on a temporary basis. The increase in circulation also results from the staff's hard work, attention to users' needs, collection choices, more aggressive programming and publicity efforts.

Other measures of increased library use include a 10% jump in new library cards issued, 115% increase in website hits per month and a 77% increase in computer use.

The branch closed to the public on May 30th and while many residents were saddened, they found their way to the Main Library. The branch was opened in 1990 to offer handicapped access to library services that was lacking in the Main Library. With the library at Frothingham now, which accommodates wheel-chair access and the planned renovations of the Main Library, this need was met.

Renovation progress was made at the Richardson building where an elevator will be installed and the ground floor basement rooms will be finished with a new entrance, a new circulation department, restrooms, public computer space, and book stacks. The land lease between the Town of Easton and the Ames Free Library for the parking lot was signed in April and the parking lot plan was approved by the Conservation Commission in December.

The cottage at 51 Main Street, purchased by the library in 2007, was outfitted with a handicapped-access ramp and a remodeled restroom. Programs and meetings were held at the Cottage which will be opened as a young adult library annex in the future.

The Friends of the Library reorganized after several years' hiatus, thanks to the efforts of board member Marion Wingfield, who serves as liaison to the organization, and many active Friends members. Among their activities, the Friends hosted a 2-day gala event at Queset House with the cooperation of many individuals including teachers and students at the Easton schools and Easton the Garden Club.

The library staff is grateful to the Friends for their assistance in promoting the library's mission to serve as a locus for personal, family, and community connections, intellectual enrichment, and recreation. Their support included paying for museum passes for the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Children's Museum, and the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Library users also benefited from the passes provided by the Easton Lions Club for the Science Museum and from many events funded by the Stonehill Enrichment Fund. This support is deeply appreciated.

Library programming increased dramatically and more than 350 people a month attended a large variety of events. Children's programs included a new "chapter" book club, for children in grades 1-3. The interest in bringing babies under 2 years old to the library exploded and this year we added a second story and craft session for this age group. Regular story times for ages 2-3 and 3-6 year olds continued to be popular.

Adult services expanded dramatically with programs that appealed to people with diverse interests such as a mystery writer's forum, a food lover's demonstration and discussion group, reading clubs, music performances, and a series of writers' support-group sessions. Library staff "Computer Tutors" taught adults computer skills in one-on-one private sessions every week.

The collections were increased with new books, DVDs, audiobooks, *Playaways*, music CDs, and magazines. New online services included the *Testing and Education Reference Center* for interactive sample tests ranging from the postal workers exam to the SAT for high school students. *Ancestry.com* and *Heritage Quest* appeal to the growing interest in tracing family genealogy. These services, as well as the *Boston Globe* page-image edition, the *Easton Journal*, and many others are available through the library's website. Usage of Tutor.com's® *Live Homework Help*, one of the library's most valuable electronic services, continued to grow after the staff brought this online tutoring service to the attention of Easton school principals and the School Committee. The program was enthusiastically endorsed by Superintendent William Simmons and the monthly usage statistics by children in all grades increased dramatically.

On a different note, the Ames Free Library began direct appeals to the community for support in developing the library campus that includes the Richardson building, Queset House, and the Cottage. The first event was a comedy night with a silent auction featuring a performance by nationally known comedian Kerri Louise, an Oliver Ames High School graduate, and auction prizes supplied by local businesses. An annual appeal letter was mailed to Easton households and businesses. Both endeavors were successful and the library is extremely grateful to all donors and many friends who supported these events.

Major personnel changes took place in 2008, notably that Annalee Bundy retired as director after 14 years. Annalee expanded library services in many ways. She achieved a high level of professionalism for the entire operation, increased the staff from one professional librarian to five, and instilled an excellent service ethic in all the well-trained, dedicated employees. During her tenure, staff salary levels were increased to match salaries in nearby towns.

The new director, Madeline Miele Holt, was assistant director and with the library for ten years. She is honored to be your librarian and aggressively pursuing many exciting new directions for the library. Uma Hiremath was hired as assistant director bringing valuable experience from the New York Public Library and the Braintree Public Library in Massachusetts.

Easton is fortunate to have library board members who are generous with their time and talents and dedicated to developing the library. This year Gerard Marsan stepped down as vice president and Bill Ames took up the job. Both Mr. Marsan and James Fowler were reappointed to three-year terms.

Thanks also to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and members of all town departments for their support and for their help in reaching out to the Easton community. We are especially thankful to the DPW staff that provided maintenance services since the Town acquired Frothingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Miele Holt
Executive Director

Library Information *Location:* 15 Barrows Street *Hours:* Monday – Thursday 10-8; Friday & Saturday 10-5; Closed on Saturdays in July & August *Telephone:* 508-238-2000 *Website:* www.amesfreelibrary.org *E-mail*: info@amesfreelibrary.org

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William Ames, Vice President
Hazel Varella, Secretary
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Karen Hays
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Marion Wingfield

Ex Officio:
Joseph Murphy, Treasurer
Madeline Miele Holt, Executive Director

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUND

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2008. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2008 was 4.8% more than the total amount distributed for 2007. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for about three-fourths of the total income earned, with the balance coming from interest income earned by fixed income securities.

As this report is written the U. S. capital markets and those of other major countries are in a period of uncertainty. We have consulted with our investment advisors and have found that it is not possible to predict with any confidence what stability or growth the markets will provide over the next year. Therefore, it is not possible to make a worthwhile estimate of income that will be available to the Town for 2009. Based on what our advisors have told us it appears certain at this point that the income will be significantly lower than it was in 2008. The Trustees will continue to work closely with investment advisors to assure that portfolio quality remains high and that income available for distribution is as high as prudent investment management allows.

	Book Value	12/31/08 Market Value	2008 Income Paid to Town
Highways Fund	$5,079,848.00	$5,337,243.84	$181,135.60
Highways Perm. Fund	$242,927.58	$219,770.09	$8,145.54
Schools Fund	$4,498,025.57	$4,632,655.95	$147,616.62

Very truly yours,

James S. Thomas, Trustee

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
rentals 508-238-9995

Income			
	Donors		5,000.00
	Rental Income		10,125.00
	Investment		5,163.00
	Miscellaneous		725.00
	Total income.....		$21,013.00
Operating Expenses			
Salaries/ Fees:	Rental agent	3,000.00	
	Custodian	1,620.00	
		$4,620.00	
Utilities:	Heating Oil	8,540.00	
	Nationalgrid	1,121.43	
	Bay State Gas	755.45	
	Town of Easton- Water	252.00	
	Allied Waste	906.49	
	Verizon	372.00	
		$11,946.37	
Fire Safety:	Town of Easton - fees	640.00	
	Sprinkler inspection	1,500.00	
	Inspect fire extinguishers	58.75	
	Alarm repairs	807.95	
		$3,006.70	
Insurance:	Liability and Worker's Comp.	$797.00	
Miscellaneous:	Clean chairs, rugs, misc. hardware, cleaning supplies, fees	$643.00	
	Total operating expenses.....		$21,013.00
	Net operating profit (loss).....		0

Capital Projects- funded by bequest	
Plumbing renovations	16,250.00
Bathroom carpentry	41,225.00
New Heating System	11,714.00
Repair Concert Piano	12,696.00
Fire Detection Sensor	1,200.00
Total projects.....	$ 83,085.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

The calendar year 2009 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Project was established in 1958 as a result of numerous human and horse cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has greatly reduced the exposure to this arbovirus and also the newly introduced West Nile virus.

Since the 1958 formation much has changed. New biological larvicides have been developed and used to suppress mosquito emergence. The Project has acquired new GPS guidance systems for the trucks and GIS mapping capabilities. Newer environmentally sensitive adulticides have been developed and adopted by the Project. During water management projects, low ground pressure machines are used to reduce secondary impacts to the environment. Increased mosquito surveillance, the cornerstone of Integrated Pest Management, continues every summer. The addition of molecular techniques by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health increased sensitivity of virus isolations and decreased turn around time between collections and results.

For the past 5 years, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project reported the most EEE isolations from mosquitoes in Massachusetts. During the 2008 mosquito season, over 29,000 mosquitoes were collected. There were 11 isolations of EEE with 2 collections from human biting mosquitoes and one confirmed horse case reported for the County. We had 20 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human or horse cases. This year posed a first in Bristol County's history when ground based adulticide interventions were completed to combat two different arboviruses, many times on the same night. To date the towns of Freetown, Berkley, Acushnet, and New Bedford are in the High-risk category for EEE and 100% of Bristol County is in the High-risk category for WNV.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.
Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach: - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 9,543 acres

- Treated 80 acres in 106 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 767 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,530 feet of brush
- 1,195 feet of tractor work
- Treated 725 catch basins

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2008

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman

Gregory D. Dorrance	Christine A. Fagan
Joseph Barile	Robert F. Davis

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Easton Cultural Council (ECC) is to award grants based on an allocation received annually from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The goal is supporting public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ECC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women and children. We are pleased to say that we were able to fund several programs that will greatly enrich the lives of Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had eight active members: Co-Chairs Katherine Minsky and Heidi Harlfinger; Wanda Azevedo; Marion Wingfield; Mary Goulart; Michael Mahany; Alexander Maller; and Bill Bradley.

Due to the State budget crisis, the Council was only able to preliminarily approve applications but not confirm until February the exact amount of grants. During October of 2008, the Council received forty applications, requesting funding totaling $18,985.00. After a series of meetings and deliberations, including interviews with several of the applicants, we voted in December 2008 to approve on a preliminary basis twenty-four of those applications, granting a total of $6700 for programs or performances in 2008/09. As this report is being written, the Council has not yet received word as to a reduction (if any) of Easton's state grant.

The Easton Cultural Council welcomes new members. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Katherine Minsky for information at 508-230-0512 or email: kminsky@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Minsky and Heidi Harlfinger, Co-Chairs

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently."

The eighteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have remained at the same level since 2003.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2008 and for DPW Services and Drug & Alcohol Testing Services in the fall of 2008.

Easton was able to realize savings of almost $180,000 off list prices for office supplies for Fiscal Year 2008 through the SERSG Office Supplies and Paper Contracts with W.B. Mason.

Thousands of dollars in additional savings per year result from the SERSG DPW procurements. The town paid just $53.45 for in-place bituminous concrete (paving services) in 2008 while the State contract price is $50-52 per ton for just the asphalt. For sand, Easton pays $12.39 per ton while the state contract price is between $14.91 and $21.78 per ton.

During 2008, Ms. Thomas disseminated a first draft of a new trench safety bylaw and also coordinated a meeting of SERSG member municipalities with the Mass. Department of Public Safety to discuss the new regulations on trench safety. The opportunity for municipalities to join the Group Insurance Commission was also presented by SERSG, led by the Project Director of the Metro Mayor's Coalition. The Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law from the Commonwealth's Division of Local Services was invited to a SERSG-sponsored workshop in April on setting municipal fees. Opportunities for SERSG members to meet with representatives of regional planning councils were also provided during the year.

Construction on the Aquaria Pipeline Project and the projects Aquaria Water agreed to construct as mitigation was nearing completion at the end of 2008, and Ms. Thomas continued to play an active role in overseeing the work of the Community Relations Consultant and the Construction Supervisor hired by the Pipeline Committee.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE SPECIAL ACT CHARTER COMMITTEE

The Special Act Charter Committee was appointed by the Easton Board of Selectmen to draft a proposed town charter with a town manager/town council form of government. The Selectmen took this step only after it had received the report of a prior committee, the Government Study Committee, a committee which had been formed to study alternatives to the current open Town Meeting form of government. The Government Study Committee had recommended the town manager/town council form of government as the most efficient one for 21st century Easton. A copy of its report may be found on the town website.

The function of the Special Act Charter Committee is to recommend what this proposed charter would look like. The committee is chaired by Attorney Steve Merlin. Also on the committee is Bob Carvin, a member of the original Government Study Committee and Alex Maller, a volunteer to many town boards. In tackling this somewhat daunting challenge, this committee has reviewed model town manager/town council forms of government as well as all those it identified in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as having a similar style of governance. The committee has been studying concepts found in all these charters in an attempt to combine the best elements of each to draft a model and workable charter for 21st century Easton. It has also interviewed all present selectmen and a number of former ones as well as the present town administrator and two former ones. It has also held a public hearing and has been accessible to the citizens of Easton through the town web site which includes email contact for each member. The committee has also utilized the services of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the National Civic League and the International City/County Management Association. The committee is subject to the Open Meeting law and all meetings are open to the public.

A final proposed town charter is expected to be presented to the Board of Selectmen in mid 2009. Prior to that, however, the committee will hold another public hearing in an attempt to receive as much citizen input as possible in its preparation of its final proposal. It will be up to the Board of Selectmen to determine whether a town wide vote is desirable on the proposed new charter. It must be emphasized that no new charter can be implemented without an affirmative town wide vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Carvin
Alex Maller
Steve Merlin, Chair

2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Easton's Commission on Disability is to coordinate or carry out programs in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the Town of Easton for people with disabilities.

508-230-0586

Massachusetts Office on Disability
Primary Mission

Ensure full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self determination.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Signed into law on July 26 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act is a wide-ranging legislation intended to make American Society more accessible to people with disabilities. Purpose: "To provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities..."

Easton's C.O.D.

The current Commission was appointed in July 2007. We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Olmsted/Richardson School cafeteria at 6:30pm. We have met with the Council on Aging Director, Board of Health members, the Recreation Director, BAT (Brockton Area Transit), Brockton ARC, the Veterans' Agent and Selectmen Chairperson Colleen Corona. We have held in-service meetings with the State's Community Access Monitor Program and meet with Thomas P. Hopkins Director of the MA Architectural Access Board.

Our Building Inspector and Disabilities Commission member Mark Trivett was appointed in December 2008 to the State Architectural Access Board.

Please check out our Web Page www.easton.ma.us/Directory/discomm/discomm.htm and forward any suggestions / questions. To Commission on Disability 136 Elm St N. Easton, Ma 02356

We are here to help raise public awareness in Easton and, if possible, help with individual issues, but we need to know you need our help. So contact us. **(508-230-0586)**

Robert Coe	Chairman
Paul DeCouto	Vice-Chairman
Patricia Somers	Secretary
Jeanne Parrinello	Member
Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio Member

We would like to acknowledge with thanks former members Jon Gilmore and Dana Lange.

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Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk
Marie Graca, Assistant Town Clerk
Theresa Ming-Barrows, Principal Clerk

On June 30th, after 37 years of dedicated service, Town Clerk Janet Andrus Linehan retired. On August 18th, Jeremy P Gillis assumed the role of Town Clerk, having previously served as the Assistant City Clerk for the City of Gloucester. A debt of gratitude should be given to Janet for his dedication to the Town of Easton and also to Marie and Theresa for stepping up during the absence of a Town Clerk.

There were two Town Meetings in 2008- The Annual town Meeting held on May 19th, and a Special Town Meeting on November 17th. There were three elections held in 2008- the Presidential Primary on February 5, the State Primary on September 16th and the record setting State Election on November 4th. Please refer to the individual tally sheets for detailed results.

WHAT'S NEW: During this year, the Office of the Town Clerk has instituted a Town-Hall wide Records Management Program, expanded our Passport hours, stream-lined many of our office and election procedures and attended various training classes and seminars. Both the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk graduated from a three year program to attain Certified Municipal Clerk Status.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK MISSION STATEMENT:

To facilitate the efforts of Easton residents, visitors and employees to access public information in an efficient, transparent and timely manner, To enable voters to avail themselves of the democratic process, to provide high quality service in a courteous and professional manner, to strive to improve both the Office and its employees through habitual innovation and education, to preserve and promote the history of the Town through its historical documents and artifacts, and to comply with Federal, State and Local statutes.

Energy Usage/Savings:

The Town Clerk's Office is very cognizant of the rising price of energy and the impact these prices have on taxpayer dollars and also the effect on the environment. Given these circumstances, The Office has done the following to mitigate our energy use:

- Reduced our number of printers/faxes/copy machines from 6 to 3
- Contracted with Shred-It Document Destruction services for all of Town Hall's shredding. This saves on electricity as Town hall no longer has the need for shredders, increases productivity of the workforce as we no longer have to sit and feed paper into the shredder, ensures confidential information is sufficiently destroyed and recycles all paper used. By utilizing this service, the Town has saved the equivalent of 6 trees in the past three months of the year alone.
- Reduced our number of computer monitors, through the use of switching station technology, from 7 to 3. This also reduces time going from one computer to another and improves employee productivity.
- Given the amount of sunlight we receive through our windows, you will find our lights out at least 8.3 hours a week, a 20% reduction in their use.

General Powers and Duties

The Easton Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Administrator. He holds the rank of department head. State law provides that the Town Clerk is the official keeper of the Town Seal and the Town's Oath Book. He and both members of his staff are Notaries Public and have the authority to notarize documents signed in their presence. The Town Clerk serves as the custodian of Town records and official documents. He is responsible for the maintenance, preservation and disposition of all Town records. He is required by state law to ensure that Town records are readily available for public inspection.

Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics

The Town Clerk also acts as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics. He accepts for filing and maintains records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Easton. The Town Clerk is authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and administers adoption and record-change depositions. There is no fee for filing a vital record; however there is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a vital record. The fee is $15.00 for the first copy and $5.00 for each additional copy (if requested when obtaining first copy). Anyone may inspect vital records *(except out of wedlock birth records may be inspected only by those individuals named on the record)* for the cost of retrieval.

Marriage Licenses

The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person *(except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated)* at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is **$40.00**. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates

All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as "doing business as" or "dba" certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The dba files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the dba certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate. Easton maintains a database of dba information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is **$50.00**.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

The Town Clerk serves as an agent for state gaming and fishing licenses. The licenses issued by the Easton Town Clerk are valid throughout the state.

Dog Licenses

All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of May annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is **$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog, **$15.00** otherwise. A Late Fee of **$25.00** is added if the dog is not licensed by June 30 or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist

Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.

Passport Applications

The Town Clerk is now accepting U.S. passport applications. The hours to submit passport applications are:

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays thru Thursdays	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

PCT	AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN-RAINBOW	INTER. 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	WORKING FAMILIES	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration January 16, 2008 for the Presidential Primary on February 5, 2008										
1	0	484	3	1	6	1	334	0	877	1706
2	0	683	2	3	7	0	473	1	1512	2681
3	0	727	2	1	7	0	388	0	1392	2517
4	0	648	2	3	14	0	442	1	1347	2457
5	0	775	4	4	8	1	400	1	1499	2692
6	1	653	3	5	10	0	444	2	1357	2475
Total	1	3970	16	17	52	2	2481	5	7984	14528
At the close of Registration April 2, 2008 for Annual Town Election on April 22, 2008										
1	0	492	3	1	6	1	334	0	895	1732
2	0	699	3	2	7	0	476	1	1523	2711
3	0	732	2	0	7	0	392	1	1420	2554
4	0	657	2	4	12	0	441	1	1374	2491
5	0	780	4	4	8	1	398	1	1526	2722
6	1	657	4	4	8	0	449	2	1404	2529
Total	1	4017	18	15	48	2	2490	6	8142	14739
At the close of Registration April 29, 2008 for Annual Town Meeting on May 19, 2008										
1	0	492	3	1	6	1	330	0	885	1718
2	0	696	3	2	7	0	468	1	1514	2691
3	0	726	1	0	7	0	390	1	1410	2535
4	0	649	2	4	12	0	430	1	1368	2466
5	0	776	4	4	8	1	396	1	1512	2702
6	1	653	3	4	8	0	447	2	1399	2517
Total	1	3992	16	15	48	2	2461	6	8088	14629
At the close of Registration August 27, 2008 for State Primary on September 16, 2008										
1	0	502	3	2	6	1	335	0	906	1755
2	0	696	3	2	7	1	574	1	1545	2829
3	0	743	1	2	7	0	396	2	1411	2562
4	0	664	2	5	12	0	437	1	1400	2521
5	0	13	4	4	8	1	405	1	1529	1965
6	1	667	653	4	9	0	459	2	1428	3223
Total	1	3285	666	19	49	3	2606	7	8219	14855
At the close of Registration October 15, 2008 for State Election on November 4, 2008										
1	0	529	3	2	6	1	342	0	948	1831
2	0	733	3	2	9	1	586	1	1600	2935
3	0	801	3	2	7	0	408	5	1491	2717
4	0	683	2	5	12	0	447	1	1456	2606
5	0	37	4	5	8	1	416	1	1580	2052
6	1	709	653	4	9	0	474	4	1484	3338
Total	1	3492	668	20	51	3	2673	12	8559	15479

PCT	AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN-RAINBOW	INTER. 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	WORKING FAMILIES	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration October 29, 2008 for STM on November 17, 2008										
1	0	532	3	2	6	1	342	0	952	1838
2	0	737	3	2	9	1	586	1	1608	2947
3	0	811	4	2	7	0	411	5	1503	2743
4	0	688	2	5	12	0	448	1	1461	2617
5	0	41	4	5	8	1	416	2	1585	2062
6	1	718	653	4	9	0	478	6	1493	3362
Total	1	3527	669	20	51	3	2681	15	8602	15569

2008 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON
RECEIVED THRU JANUARY 00 , 2009

BIRTHS

Males	86
Females	78
	164

Single Births	160
Sets of Twins	4
Triplets	0
Total Children	**164**

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	35
Marriages Out of Easton	48
Total Marriages Recorded	**83**

RESIDENCE OF PARTY A & PARTY B

Both Residents of Easton	53
One Easton, One Other MA Town	7
One Easton, One Out of State	3
Both Out of State	3
Both Out of Town	16
One Out of Town, One Out of State	1
	83

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	77
Residents who died out of Easton	79
Non-Residents who died in Easton	28
Total	**184**

TYPE OF FACILITY:

Hospital	60
Nursing Home	57
Residence	33
Other	6
Total	**156**

BY AGE & GENDER

Ages	Female	Male	Total
0-19	0	2	
20-49	6	3	
50-59	5	3	
60-69	15	12	
70-79	21	14	
80-89	27	25	
90-99	11	12	
100+(104)	0	0	
Total	**85**	**71**	**156**

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy P. Gillis
Town Clerk

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 2008 TO DECEMBER 2008

	Licenses Class Issued	# Issued	Fees	Total
F1	RESIDENT FISHING	88	$ 22.50	$ 1,980.00
F2	RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	6	$ 6.50	$ 39.00
F3	FISHING LICENSE 65-69	12	$ 10.75	$ 129.00
F4	FISHING RESIDENT AGE 70	0	free	
F6	NON-RESIDENT FISHING	0	$ 37.50	$ -
F7	NON -RESIDENT (3DAY)	1	$ 18.00	$ 18.00
	TOTAL FISHING LICENSES	**107**	**$ 95.25**	**$ 2,166.00**
H1	RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	17	$ 22.00	$ 374.00
H2	RESIDENT HUNTING (AGE 65-69	2	$ 6.00	$ 12.00
S1	RESIDENT SPORTING	33	$ 39.50	$ 1,303.50
S2	RESIDENT SPORTING(AGE 65-69)	1	$ 20.00	$ 20.00
S3	RESIDENT SPORTING (AGE 70 OR OVER)		FREE	
DS	DUPLICATE SPORTING		$ 2.50	$ -
	TOTAL SPORTING LICENSES	**53**	**$ 90.00**	**$ 1,709.50**
M1	ARCHERY STAMP	24	$ 5.00	$ 120.00
M2	WATERFOWL STAMP	10	$ 4.75	$ 47.50
M3	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	26	$ 5.00	$ 130.00
W1	WILD CONSER. STAMP (RESIDENT)	160	$ 5.00	$ 800.00
	TOTAL STAMPS ISSUED	**220**	**$ 19.75**	**$ 1,097.50**
	Total Licenses Issued	**160**	**$ 185.25**	**$ 3,875.50**
	Total Licenses Issued & Stamps Issued	**380**	**$ 205.00**	**$ 4,973.00**
	Sporting License Fees	155	$ 1.00	$ 155.00
	Sporting License Fees	161	$ 0.50	$ 80.50
	Stamp Fees	11	$ 0.25	$ 2.75
	Stamp Fees	49	$ 0.10	$ 4.90
	Total Fees	**376**		**$ 243.15**
	License Fees Deducted	161	$ 0.50	$ 80.50
	Waterfowl Stamp Fees Deducted	10	$ 0.25	$ 2.50
	Archery Stamp Fees Deducted	24	$ 0.10	$ 2.40
	Primitive Fire Arms Fees	26	$ 0.10	$ 2.60
	Total Fees Deducted License & Stamps	**221**		**$ 88.00**
	Total PAID TO Fisheries & Wildlife			**$ 4,885.00**

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy P. Gillis
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 2007 TO DECEMBER 2008

	License	Fee	Total
922	Neutered	$10.00	$9,220.00
175	Males	$15.00	$2,625.00
873	Spayed Females	$10.00	$8,730.00
83	Females	$15.00	$1,245.00
4	Kennel License	$25.00	$100.00
2	Kennel License	$50.00	$100.00
	Animal Control		$905.00
	Total Licenses		$22,925.00
82	Late Fees & violations	$ 25.00	$2,050.00
16	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$480.00
6	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.	$ 3.00	$18.00
2065	**Collected**		**$25,473.00**

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy P. Gillis
Town Clerk

Town Clerks fees issued January 2008 to December 2008

	Fees		
Birth	$ 10.00	480	$ 4,800.00
Deaths	$ 10.00	585	$ 5,850.00
Marriage	$ 10.00	276	$ 2,760.00
Birth	$8.00	4	$ 32.00
Deaths	$8.00		$ -
Marriage	$8.00		$ -
Death Certificate Correction	$20.00	1	$ 20.00
Vitals Search			$ 110.00
Doctor Registration	$ 25.00	7	$ 175.00
Marriage Intentions	$ 25.00	79	$ 1,975.00
Voter ID	$ 8.00	4	$ 32.00
Business Certificate	$ 25.00	188	$ 4,700.00
Business Cert/Change	$ 15.00	4	$ 60.00
Business Disc	$ 20.00	26	$ 520.00
Business Certificate Certified Copy	$ 10.00	7	$ 70.00
General By-Laws	$ 10.00	1	$ 10.00
Storage Permits (gas)			$ 4,409.00
Street Listings	$ 10.00	85	$ 850.00
Computer Copies	$ 0.50	182	$ 91.00
Copies, Inc.	$ 0.20	200	$ 40.00
Copy Disks	$ 25.00		$ 360.00
Raffle Permit	$ 15.00	1	$ 15.00
Raffle Permit	$ 10.00	4	$ 40.00
Declaration Homestead	$ 15.00	1	$ 15.00
Fish Holders	$ 0.25	13	$ 3.25
Pole Location	$ 50.00	1	$ 50.00
Passport	$ 25.00		$ 20,775.00
Passport Pictures	$ 10.00	41	$ 410.00
Postage			$ 101.00
Total Town Clerk Fees			**$ 48,273.25**
Sporting Lic. Fees	$ 1.00	155	$ 155.00
Sporting fees	$ 0.50	161	$ 80.50
Sporting fees	$ 0.10	49	$ 4.90
Sporting fees	$ 0.25	11	$ 2.75
Total All Fees			**$ 48,516.40**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy P. Gillis
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Bristol, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Precincts 1, 2, 4 – Oliver Ames High School, Lothrop Street
Precincts 3, 6 – Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 275 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road

on **TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN . . . . . .Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE MAN . . . . . 2ND Plymouth & Bristol SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN . . . .Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN . . . . . 2ND Plymouth & Bristol SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TOWN COMMITTEE . . . . . .EASTON

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of January, 2008.

Colleen A. Corona
John S. Haederle
Irwin M. Cohen
Ellen Barlow
Selectmen of Easton

Bristol, SS. Easton, Mass.
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John S. Melin, Constable January 10, 2008

Warrant must be posted by **January 29, 2008,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **February 5, 2008**, Presidential Preference Primary).

A true copy. Attest: *Janet Andrus Linehan,* Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

14,528 Registered Voters						46% Turnout	
	Final Results						
The number of ballots cast:							
	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	438	749	667	686	877	658	4075
Republican Party	299	472	364	435	501	432	2503
Green-Rainbow Party	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Working Families Party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	737	1223	1031	1121	1379	1090	6581
The result of the Primary election was:							
	DEMOCRATIC PARTY						
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Blanks	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
John R. Edwards	5	10	14	7	11	12	59
Hillary Clinton	240	432	414	409	548	357	2400
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	2	3	3	4	3	2	17
Christopher J. Dodd	1	1	0	2	0	0	4
Mike Gravel	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Barack Obama	180	293	229	256	299	275	1532
Dennis J. Kuchinich	0	2	1	0	2	1	6
Bill Richardson	1	2	1	0	0	4	8
No Preference	1	3	5	7	4	4	24
Write-Ins - John McCain	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
Write-Ins - Mitt Romney	4	1	0	0	6	1	12
Write-Ins - All Others	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Total	438	749	667	686	877	658	4075
DEM STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Michael D. Brady	273	496					769
Write-Ins - All Others	4	3					7
Blanks	161	250					411
Total	438	749					1187
DEM STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Steven J. Fradkin			332	305	423	288	1348
Donald B. Falvey			127	104	139	125	495
Barnas Monteith			32	30	26	27	115
Write-Ins - Michael Brady			0	0	1	0	1
Write-Ins - All Others			0	1	1	1	3
Blanks			176	246	287	217	926
Total			667	686	877	658	2888
DEM STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Caitlin M. Cavanagh	272	498					770
Write-Ins - All Others	2	3					5
Blanks	164	248					412
Total	438	749					1187

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
DEM STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Marilyn D. Sullivan			468	424	565	430	1887
Write-Ins - Caitlin Cavanagh			0	0	1	0	1
Write-Ins - All Others			1	3	2	0	6
Blanks			198	259	309	228	994
Total			667	686	877	658	2888
DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE (THIRTY-FIVE)							
Blanks	15251	26123	23319	23980	30530	23005	142208
Write-Ins-Craig B. Barger	3	4	2	2	8	1	20
Write-Ins-Allen R Barron	3	3	2	2	8	1	19
Write-Ins-James F Breton	2	3	1	2	8	1	17
Write-Ins-Colleen Corona	4	4	0	2	8	1	19
Write-Ins-Richard N Driscoll	3	4	1	0	8	1	17
Write-Ins-Jennie H DunKley	3	3	1	2	8	1	18
Write-Ins-Nestor Festin	3	3	0	0	8	1	15
Write-Ins-Walter R Gallagher	3	7	0	0	8	1	19
Write-Ins-Paul F Gangemi, Jr	3	3	0	0	8	1	15
Write-Ins-John S. Haederle	3	4	0	2	8	1	18
Write-Ins-Jean M Kent	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
Write-Ins-John J Kent	3	2	1	0	1	0	7
Write-Ins-Mark D Mahoney	3	3	1	0	8	1	16
Write-Ins-Cheryl A Niosi	3	3	0	0	8	1	15
Write-Ins-Andrew J Parker	3	4	1	0	8	1	17
Write-Ins-Christine M Santoro	2	3	1	2	8	1	17
Write-Ins-Elaine R Schivek	3	3	1	0	8	1	16
Write-Ins-Allen F Soucia	3	3	1	0	8	1	16
Write-Ins-Kevin M Tierney	3	3	1	0	8	1	16
Write-ins - All Others	23	28	11	16	28	8	114
Total	15330	26215	23345	24010	30695	23030	142625
	REPUBLICAN PARTY						
REP PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
John McCain	107	189	157	182	232	174	1041
Fred Thompson	2	0	2	1	5	0	10
Tom Tancredo	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Huckabee	8	25	17	10	11	15	86
Mitt Romney	171	237	176	232	235	235	1286
Ron Paul	6	12	7	8	12	2	47
Rudy Guiliani	0	4	4	1	1	4	14
No Preference	0	4	1	0	0	2	7
Write-Ins - Hillary Clinton	2	1	0	1	3	0	7
Write-Ins - Barack Obama	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Blanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	299	472	364	435	501	432	2503

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
REP STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Lawrence P. Novak	110	145					255
David R. Heidke	107	205					312
Write-Ins - All Others	1	0					1
Blanks	81	122					203
Total	299	472					771
REP STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
James J. Aldred			209	224	250	222	905
Write-Ins - All Others			2	0	3	1	6
Blanks			153	211	248	209	821
Total			364	435	501	432	1732
REP STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Jeanie Falcone	120	168					288
Janette A Packard	81	139					220
Write-Ins - All Others	0	1					1
Blanks	98	164					262
Total	299	472					771
REP STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)			-				
Mimi Sundstrom			205	222	252	212	891
Write-Ins - All Others			2	0	2	1	5
Blanks			157	213	247	219	836
Total			364	435	501	432	1732
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE (THIRTY-FIVE)							
Blanks	6198	10100	7569	9209	11239	9608	53923
Abrams, Kristine	136	167	143	167	177	156	946
Arns, August	125	182	146	169	184	153	959
Arns, Nancy J	123	181	145	169	177	153	948
Celia, Marlene F	111	174	141	165	171	148	910
Chapman, Lewis E	123	177	142	164	177	151	934
Churchill, Joan M	127	186	149	180	177	161	980
Dahlgren, Elaine K	116	186	143	168	170	151	934
Dawbin, Tyler Neil	109	163	145	158	165	146	886
Diamond, Carolyn I	112	165	137	157	176	146	893
Diamond, Melvin	112	160	134	156	177	145	884
Davis, Clifford Skip Jr.	136	208	166	206	206	173	1095
Farquharson, Robert C	114	184	144	168	173	160	943
Foster, Robert W	119	176	147	170	180	158	950
Galas, Walter A Jr.	114	172	137	157	168	152	900
Gladstone, Frederick	127	203	176	182	187	174	1049
Goodrich, William L	115	166	140	166	181	152	920
Goodwin, Carla A	142	213	165	206	207	189	1122
Hammond, Charles H	135	201	152	175	177	166	1006
Hafferty, Roberta M	114	164	138	162	173	147	898
Hayward, Joan M	130	186	148	162	173	153	952
Hodges, Kara Lynn	112	175	139	165	164	148	903
Ierardo, Dino	110	172	142	164	171	147	906

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
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	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Ilacqua, Glen R	120	175	143	177	200	159	974
Keach, Arlene M	140	227	176	211	231	186	1171
Keach, Sandra	128	205	159	189	189	163	1033
Keith, Kent M	111	168	136	157	169	151	892
Mann, Ann H	118	164	142	154	168	148	894
Martin, Anne Marie	136	221	155	189	184	168	1053
Martin, Richard W	128	205	148	182	176	161	1000
McCarthy, Charles F Jr	129	206	154	192	181	159	1021
Sugrue, Michael K	117	160	135	161	169	146	888
Tufts, Steve R	125	199	164	178	198	177	1041
Williams, Marilyn S	114	177	148	162	170	159	930
Kagan, Felicity B	117	167	144	159	171	150	908
Smart, Alvin B	122	185	148	169	179	156	959
Total	10465	16520	12740	15225	17535	15120	87605
GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY							
G-R PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swift, Kat	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
McKinney, Cynthia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mesplay, Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
G-R STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Blanks	0	2					2
Write-ins	0	0					0
Total	0	2					2
G-R STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Blanks			0	0	1	0	1
Total			0	0	1	0	1
G-R STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Blanks	0	2					2
Write-ins	0	0					0
Total	0	2					2
G-R STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Blanks			0	0	1	0	1
Total			0	0	1	0	1
GREEN-RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE (TEN)							
Blanks	0	19	0	0	10	0	29
Write-ins - All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	20	0	0	10	0	30

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY							
WORKING FAMILIES PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. F. STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Blanks	0	0					0
Total	0	0					0
W. F. STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Blanks			0	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0	0	0
W. F. STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS 1&2)							
Blanks	0	0					0
Total	0	0					0
W. F. STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS 3-6)							
Blanks			0	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0	0	0
WORKING FAMILIES TOWN COMMITTEE (THREE)							
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A true Copy Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Warrant for Annual Town Election
April 22, 2008

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

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Precincts 3 & 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF APRIL, 2008, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

One Selectman for a term of three years;
One Assessor for a term of three years;
Two School Committee members for terms of three years;
One School Committee member for a term of one year;
One Board of Health member for a term of three years;
One Housing Authority member for a term of five years;
Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years;

And to vote on the following non-binding ballot question:

Question 1.
Should the Town of Easton expend funds to oppose the Stoughton extension of the commuter rail line (through Easton) to New Bedford if the Commonwealth of Massachusetts once again designates it as the preferred route?

Yes **No**

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March, 2008.

Colleen A. Corona
John S. Haederle
Irwin M. Cohen
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Easton, Mass. March 24, 2008
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: *Janet Andrus Linehan*, Town Clerk of Easton

Annual Town Election							
April 22,2008							
14,739 Registered Voters							**Turnout 7%**
Total Votes Cast:	**Pct 1**	**Pct 2**	**Pct 3**	**Pct 4**	**Pct 5**	**Pct 6**	**Total**
	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
Official Election Results:							
(Bold type = Elected to Office)							
SELECTMEN (Three Years) (One)							
Irwin M Cohen	78	189	80	120	102	85	654
Blanks	31	108	28	50	39	21	277
Write-Ins	5	1	3	1	1	1	12
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)							
Gerald J. Noonan	68	154	46	92	72	37	469
William M. Wainwright	34	96	50	65	53	62	360
Blanks	12	48	15	14	17	8	114
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not more than Two)							
Caroline S. O'Neill	71	170	74	112	88	66	581
Rebecca M. Turley	64	147	69	91	82	70	523
Blanks	93	277	79	137	114	77	777
Write-Ins	0	2	0	2	0	1	5
Total	228	596	222	342	284	214	1886
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (One Year) (One)							
William P. Braun	71	142	63	85	83	51	495
Stephen A. Drown	29	103	36	75	45	42	330
Blanks	14	53	12	11	14	14	118
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)							
Gilbert A. Heino	77	212	85	116	100	76	666
Blanks	37	85	26	54	42	30	274
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)							
Michael J. Malloy	32	77	43	50	29	36	267
Thomas Downey	26	101	32	51	40	19	269
Joan C. Morrison	32	72	23	49	44	38	258
Blanks	24	48	13	21	29	14	149
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)							
Robert L. Hicks	76	198	87	114	100	79	654
Write-In Albert H. Benson	0	9	1	11	7	0	28
Write-In Kimberly A. DuBois	0	5	4	1	2	0	12
Write-In Rogeria Medeiros-Kowalczykowski	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Write-In - All Others	2	3	1	8	3	4	21
Blanks	261	678	240	379	314	238	2110
Total	342	894	333	513	426	321	2829

Question 1 (Commuter Rail Funds)								
Yes	68	156	45	67	55	41	432	
No	43	136	63	95	84	62	483	
Blanks	3	6	3	9	3	4	28	
Total	114	298	111	171	142	107	943	
	A true record. Attest: *Janet Andrus Linehan*, Town Clerk							

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 19, 2008

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Olmsted/Richardson School Gymnasium in said Easton on Monday, the 19th day of May, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

Annual Town Meeting
Olmsted/Richardson School Gymnasium
Monday, May 19, 2008

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:35 p.m. with quorum present. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch spoke briefly to the assembly.

The following non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall: DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting)David A. Colton, Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Teresa DeSilva, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Director, Director of Planning & Community Development; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Operations Manager, Water Division; Maurice Goulet, Operations Manager, DPW; Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Madeline Holt, Asst. Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Alice Savage, Staff Planner; Stephanie Danielson, Land Use Agent. OTHERS: Ellen Callahan Doucette, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; Luis G. Lopes, Jerome Burke, Patrick Meagher, Southeastern Regional School District; MEDIA: Enterprise: Vicki Downing, Susan Toler; Easton Journal: Mike Melanson; Media One: Kristin Reaney, Wayne Hadley. REPRESENTATIVES: Congressman Stephen Lynch & Nicholas Zaferakis, District Office Rep.; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Senator Brian Joyce; State Representative Christine Canavan; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Representative David Flynn. REQUESTING ADMITTANCE FOR 5/19/08: Paula Peterson, Director, Children's Museum; Richard Kern, Counsel for Children's Museum; Richard Gordon, Mansfield, re Belcher Site. Meredith Keach, Mansfield; Roberta Richard, Raynham; Arnold & Enid Morkis, 7 Roosevelt Circle; Natasha Hamdan, 115 Main Street; Beth Masterman, Lexington; Jack Yunits, Brockton; Judith Ando, 7 Roosevelt Circle; Paul Gastonaguay, Brockton; Melissa Harrison, Attorney's Office; Paul Dombrowski & Paul Shea for Woodward & Curran; Kien Ho, Beta Engineering; Richard Gordon, Mansfield; John Kissida and Bill Swanson, CDM Engineering; Marcy Stefura, 7 Oakland Avenue; Thomas Flynn, Stonehill College Attorney; Kevin Paolillo, 65 Canton Street; Mark Bobrowski, Counsel for Selectmen; Audrey Malone, PCA for Robert Coe.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Richard Dailey noted there are two individuals who have been with this Town for a significant period of time and for whom this is their last Town Meeting in their official capacity. One of them is Anne Carney who has been with us as Assistant Assessor for 28 years. Anne is about to retire and we obviously wish her well. Janet Linehan, Town Clerk, has been with the Town for 37 years, first as Assistant Town Clerk and for the last 15 years as Town Clerk. For the citizenry of the Town, I'd like to thank them both, and personally as well, for the help they've been to me over the years for all the assistance they've provided at Town Meeting and otherwise, and they are both truly public servants who knew that they were working for community and everyone in that community. I think we owe them a debt of gratitude and much happiness in their retirements that they have looked forward to for so long.

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Colleen Corona moved that the Town vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town.

Explanation: This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 1 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 2. REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2009, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2009, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed $ 50,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman John Haederle moved that the Town, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, vote to establish a revolving fund for the Conservation Commission for fiscal year 2009, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account" as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article is required annually to establish the Conservation Commission's revolving account.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 2 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. REVOLVING FUND FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2009 known as the "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account", which shall be

accounted for separately from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received in connection with subdivision approval for application review and inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of application review and inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants in connection with subdivision approval for application review and inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2009 "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees", shall not exceed $ 50,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman John Haederle moved that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to establish a revolving fund for the Planning and Zoning Board for fiscal year 2009 known as the "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account" as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article is required annually to establish the Planning and Zoning Board's revolving account.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 3 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	$1,800
Board of Health, each member	$1,000
Board of Assessors, each member	$1,800
Moderator	$ 100

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 4 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2008 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the FY 2008 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget the sum of $63,683 to supplement the following fiscal year 2008 budgets:

Accountant	**2,334**
Assessors	**2,288**
Town Collector/Treasurer	**3,869**
Police	**20,000**
Inspectional Services	**1,119**
DPW Administration	**33,164**
Council on Aging	**909**
Total	**63,683**

Explanation: This article allocates funds from the collective bargaining reserve line item in the Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget to various departments to fund union contract settlements for the police, DPW and clerical unions.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 5 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $166.22 to pay the cost of bill from Caritas Good Samaritan incurred by the police department in a prior fiscal year.

Explanation: The invoice in question is related to an on-the-job police officer injury.

Vote Required to Pass: 4/5
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 6 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR AND PREVENTION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $4,500 to fund a contract for fiscal year 2009 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash, the amount of $4,500 to fund a contract for FY 2009 for services provided

to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract.

Explanation: We have appropriated funds for this purpose for many years and propose that we continue to make these essential services available in the community.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 7 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 21, 2007 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties, owned by the Town of Easton, as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space.

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
R21 / 37	7 Josie's Way	21,173 s.f.	17235 / 240
R21 / 38	8 Josie's Way	21,810 s.f.	17235 / 240
R21 / 39	9 Josie's Way	21,235 s.f.	17235 / 243
R21 / 40	10 Josie's Way	21,474 s.f.	17235 / 243

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated May 21, 2007 (Original Date: March 7, 1973) as follows: To change the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission and described as follows to Municipal and Open Space:

A. Lot 37 on Assessor's Map R21 Currently Zoned Residential
B. Lot 38 on Assessor's Map R21 Currently Zoned Residential
C. Lot 39 on Assessor's Map R21 Currently Zoned Residential
D. Lot 40 on Assessor's Map R21 Currently Zoned Residential

Explanation: These parcels were gifts to the Town. With this change, the zoning will reflect the actual land use.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 8 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 9. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: QUESET SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 21, 2007, by making the following changes thereto:

Item 1. At the end of Section 3-1, add the following new entry:

Queset Smart Growth Overlay District – QSGOD.

Item 2. Add the following new Section 7-17:

Section 7-17: Queset Smart Growth Overlay District (QSGOD)

A) Purpose

It is the purpose of this Section to establish a Queset Smart Growth Overlay District and to encourage smart growth in accordance with the purposes of G. L. Chapter 40R, and to foster a range of housing opportunities along with a mixed-use development component, to be proposed in a distinctive and attractive site development program that promotes compact design, preservation of open space, and a variety of transportation options, including enhanced pedestrian access to employment and nearby transportation systems. Other objectives of this Section are to:

1. Promote the public health, safety, and welfare by encouraging diversity of housing opportunities;

2. Provide for a full range of housing choices for households of all incomes, ages, and sizes in order to meet the goal of preserving municipal character and diversity;

3. Increase the production of a range of housing units to meet existing and anticipated housing needs;

4. Provide a mechanism by which residential development can contribute directly to increasing the supply and diversity of housing;

5. Establish requirements, standards, and guidelines, and ensure predictable, fair and cost-effective development review and permitting;

6. Establish development standards to allow context-sensitive design and creative site planning;

7. Enable the Town to receive Zoning Incentive Payments and/or Density Bonus Payments in accordance with G. L. Chapter 40R, 760 CMR 59.06, and additional Chapter 70 aid in accordance with G.L. Chapter 40S arising from the development of housing in the Queset Smart Growth Overlay District.

B) Definitions

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply. All capitalized terms shall be defined in accordance with the definitions established under the Enabling Laws or this Section 7-17.B. To the extent that there is any conflict between the definitions set forth in this Section and the Enabling Laws, the terms of the Enabling Laws shall govern.

Affordable Homeownership Unit: An Affordable Housing unit required to be sold to an Eligible Household.

Affordable Housing: Housing that is affordable to and occupied by Eligible Households.

Affordable Housing Restriction: A deed restriction of Affordable Housing meeting statutory requirements in G.L. c. 184, Section 31 and the requirements of Section 7-17.D of this Bylaw.

Affordable Rental Unit: An Affordable Housing unit required to be rented to an Eligible Household.

As-of-right Project or Project: means a Multifamily Use development or a Mixed Use development allowed under Section 7-17.E without recourse to a special permit, variance, zoning amendment, or other form of zoning relief.

Assisted Living Facility: A facility licensed by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs pursuant to G.L. c. 19D and all of applicable requirements. This definition shall not

include any other forms of group living quarters such as group foster care group homes, single room occupancy residences, rooming or lodging houses, and other facilities as listed in Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (651 CMR 12.01).

Design Standards: See Section 7-17. O

Development Project: A residential, commercial or mixed-use development undertaken under Section 17-7. A Development Project shall be identified on the Site Plan which is submitted to the Plan Approval Authority for Site Plan Review.

DHCD: The Department of Housing and Community Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any successor agency.

Eligible Household: An individual or household whose annual income is less than 80 percent of the area-wide median income as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), adjusted for household size, with income computed using HUD's rules for attribution of income to assets.

Enabling Laws: G.L. Chapter 40R and 760 CMR 59.00.

Mixed Use: Structure in which multifamily use is permitted as of right with allowed commercial uses.

Multifamily Use: Dwelling containing four or more dwelling units.

Plan Approval: Standards and criteria which a Project in the QSGOD must meet under the procedures established herein and in the Enabling Laws.

Plan Approval Authority: For purposes of reviewing Project applications and issuing decisions on development Projects within the QSGOD, the Plan Approval Authority (PAA), consistent with G.L. Chapter 40R and 760 CMR 59.00, shall be the Planning and Zoning Board. The PAA is authorized to approve a site plan to implement a Project.

Recreational Uses: Active recreational uses, including but not limited to ball fields; and passive recreational uses, including but not limited to walking and bicycle paths. Amusements or motorized uses shall not be considered eligible recreational uses.

Site Plan: A plan depicting a proposed Development Project for all or a portion of the Queset Smart Growth Overlay District and which is submitted to the Plan Approval Authority for its review and approval in accordance with provisions of this Bylaw.

Substantially Developed Land: Land within the QSGOD that is currently used for commercial, industrial, institutional or governmental use, or for residential use consistent with or exceeding the densities allowable under the underlying zoning.

Zoning Bylaw: The Zoning Bylaw of the Town.

C) Overlay District

1. Establishment. The Queset Smart Growth Overlay District, hereinafter referred to as the QSGOD, is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 69.95 acres, being portions of Assessor's Map U28, Lots 28 & 43; Assessor's Map 32, Lot 23; Assessor's Map 33, Lots 4, 5A, 6, 7, 11, 12, 21, 21A, 104, 105, 106 that is superimposed over the underlying zoning district, as shown on the Zoning Map as set forth on the map entitled "Queset Commons Smart Growth Zoning Map," dated April 5, 2007, as revised through December 3, 2007, attached hereto as Appendix B. This map is hereby made a part of the Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2. Underlying Zoning. The QSGOD is an overlay district superimposed on all underlying zoning districts. Except as limited herein, the underlying zoning shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Applicability of QSGOD. In accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40R and 760 CMR 59.00, an Applicant for a Project located within the QSGOD may seek

Plan Approval in accordance with the requirements of this Section 7-17. In such case, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Zoning By-law, such Plan Approval shall not be subject to any other provisions of this Zoning By-law, including limitations upon the issuance of building permits for residential uses related to a rate of development or phased growth limitation or to a local moratorium on the issuance of such permits, or to building permit or dwelling unit limitations, including but not limited to any rate of development limitations provided in the Zoning By-law. When a building permit is issued for any Project approved in accordance with this Section 7-17, the provisions of the underlying district(s) shall no longer be applicable to the land shown on the site plan which was submitted pursuant to Section 7-17.M for such Project.

D) Housing and Affordability.

1. Marketing Plan. Prior to granting Plan Approval for housing within the QSGOD, an Applicant for such approval must submit a narrative document and marketing plan that establishes that the proposed development of housing is appropriate for diverse populations, including households with children, other households, individuals, households including individuals with disabilities, and the elderly. These documents in combination, to be submitted with an application for Plan Approval pursuant to Section 7-17.M, below, shall include details about construction related to the provision, within the Project, of units that are accessible to the disabled. The marketing plan must be approved by DHCD prior to the issuance of a building permit for a Development Project.

2. Number of Affordable Housing Units. For all Projects, not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total housing units constructed in a Project shall be Affordable Housing. For all Projects where the Affordable Units proposed are Rental Units not less than twenty five percent (25%) of total housing units in any building containing rental units shall be Affordable Housing; provided, however, that 20% of such units may be affordable where restricted to households earning less than 50% of area median income. For purposes of calculating the number of units of Affordable Housing required within a Project, any fractional unit shall be deemed to constitute a whole unit.

3. Requirements. Affordable Housing shall comply with the following requirements:

a. For an Affordable Rental Unit, the monthly rent payment, including utilities and parking, shall not exceed 30 percent of the maximum monthly income permissible for an Eligible Household, assuming a family size equal to the number of bedrooms in the unit plus one, unless other affordable program rent limits approved by the DHCD shall apply.

b. For an Affordable Homeownership Unit the monthly housing payment, including mortgage principal and interest, private mortgage insurance, property taxes, condominium and/or homeowner's association fees, insurance, and parking, shall not exceed 30 percent of the maximum monthly income permissible for an Eligible Household, assuming a family size equal to the number of bedrooms in the unit plus one.

c. Affordable Housing required to be offered for rent or sale shall be rented or sold to and occupied only by Eligible Households.

d. The QSGOD shall not include the imposition of restrictions on age upon the entire District, but the development of specific Projects within the QSGOD may be exclusively for the elderly, persons with disabilities, or for assisted living, provided that any such Project shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local fair housing laws and regulations and not less than 25% of the housing units in such a restricted Project shall be restricted as Affordable Housing.

e. At least 10% of the Affordable Housing Units shall be handicapped-accessible.

4. Design and Construction. Units of Affordable Housing shall be finished housing units. Units of Affordable Housing shall be dispersed throughout the development of which they are part and be comparable in initial construction, quality and exterior design to other housing units in the development. The total number of bedrooms in the

Affordable Housing shall be proportionate to the total number of bedrooms in all the units in the Development Project of which the Affordable Housing is part.

5. Affordable Housing Restriction. Each unit of Affordable Housing shall be subject to an Affordable Housing Restriction which is recorded with the appropriate registry of deeds or district registry of the Land Court and prior to such recording has been approved by DHCD. Such Affordable Housing Restriction shall contain the following:

a. Specification of the term of the affordable housing restriction which shall be the maximum period allowed by-law but not less than ninety nine years;

b. The name and address of a Monitoring Agent with a designation of its power to monitor and enforce the affordable housing restriction;

c. A description of the Affordable Homeownership Unit, if any, by address and number of bedrooms; and a description of the overall quantity and number of bedrooms and number of bedroom types of Affordable Rental Units in a Project or portion of a Project which are rental. Such restriction shall apply individually to the specifically identified Affordable Homeownership Unit and shall apply to a percentage of rental units of a rental Project or the rental portion of a Project without specific unit identification.

d. Reference to a housing marketing and resident selection plan, to which the Affordable Housing is subject, and which includes an affirmative fair housing marketing program, including public notice and a fair resident selection process. If approved by DHCD, the housing marketing and selection plan may provide for preferences in resident selection. for the Affordable Housing Units; the plan shall designate the household size appropriate for a unit with respect to bedroom size and provide that the preference for such Unit shall be given to a household of the appropriate size;

e. A requirement that buyers or tenants will be selected at the initial sale or initial rental and upon all subsequent sales and rentals from a list of Eligible Households compiled in accordance with the housing marketing and selection plan;

f. Reference to the formula pursuant to which rent of a rental unit or the maximum resale price of a homeownership will be set;

g. Designation of the priority of the Affordable Housing Restriction over other mortgages and restrictions, provided that a first mortgage of a Homeownership Housing Unit to a commercial lender in an amount less than maximum resale price may have priority over the Affordable Housing Restriction if required by then current practice of commercial mortgage lender;

h. A requirement that only an Eligible Household may reside in Affordable Housing and that notice of any lease or sublease of any unit of Affordable Housing shall be given to the Monitoring Agent;

i. Provision for effective monitoring and enforcement of the terms and provisions of the Affordable Housing Restriction by the Monitoring Agent;

j. Provision that the restriction on an Affordable Homeownership Unit shall run in favor of the Monitoring Agent and the Town, in a form approved by municipal counsel, and shall limit initial sale and resale to and occupancy by an Eligible Household;

k. Provision that the restriction on Affordable Rental Units in a rental Project or rental portion of a Project shall run with the rental Project or rental portion of a Project and shall run in favor of the Monitoring Agent and the Town, in a form approved by municipal counsel, and shall limit rental and occupancy to an Eligible Household;

l. Provision that the owner[s] or manager[s] of Affordable Rental Unit[s] shall file an annual report to Monitoring Agent, in a form specified by that Agent certifying compliance with the affordability provisions of this Bylaw and containing such other information as may be reasonably requested in order to ensure affordability;

m. A requirement that residents in Affordable Housing provide such information as the Monitoring Agent may reasonably request in order to ensure affordability.

6. Monitoring Agent. A Monitoring Agent which may be the Local Housing Authority, or other qualified housing entity shall be designated by the PAA as the Monitoring Agent for all Projects in the QSGOD In a case where the Monitoring Agent cannot adequately carry out its administrative duties, upon certification of this fact by the PAA or by DHCD, such duties shall devolve to and thereafter be administered by a qualified housing entity designated by the PAA or, in the absence of such timely designation, by an entity designated by the DHCD. In any event, such Monitoring Agent shall ensure the following, both prior to issuance of a Building Permit for a Project within the QSGOD, and on a continuing basis thereafter, as the case may be:

a. Prices of Affordable Homeownership Units are properly computed; rental amounts of Affordable Rental Units are properly computed;

b. Income eligibility of households applying for Affordable Housing is properly and reliably determined;

c. The housing marketing and resident selection plan conforms to all requirements and is properly administered;

d. Sales and rentals are made to Eligible Households chosen in accordance with the housing marketing and resident selection plan with appropriate unit size for each household being properly determined and proper preference being given; and

e. Affordable Housing Restrictions meeting the requirements of this Section are recorded with the proper registry of deeds.

7. Housing Marketing and Selection Plan. The housing marketing and selection plan shall make provision for payment by the Project applicant of reasonable costs to the Monitoring Agent to develop, advertise, and maintain the list of Eligible Households and to monitor and enforce compliance with affordability requirements, as set forth in 7-17.D.

8. Phasing. The PAA, as a condition of any Plan Approval, may require a Project to be phased in order to mitigate any extraordinary adverse Project impacts on nearby properties. For Projects that are approved and developed in phases, the PAA shall assure the required number of Affordable Housing Units in the Project, as per Section 7-17(D)(2). Such assurance may be provided through use of the security devices referenced in G.L. c. 41, § 81U, or through the PAA's withholding of certificates of occupancy until proportionality has been achieved. No Density Bonus Payment will be received by the Town until such proportionality has been achieved by the issuance of occupancy permits for the Affordable Housing Units in the Project.

9. Computation. Prior to the granting of any Plan Approval of a Project, the applicant must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Monitoring Agent, that the method by which such affordable rents or affordable purchase prices are computed shall be consistent with state or federal guidelines for affordability applicable to the Town.

10. No Waiver. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Affordability provisions in this Section 7-17.D shall not be waived.

E) Permitted and Prohibited Uses

Except as otherwise provided by-law in each subzone, no building, structure or land shall be used or occupied except for the purposes permitted as set forth in the following Table of Use Regulations. The letter "Y" shall designate that a use requires Plan Approval. The

letter "N" shall designate that a use is not permitted. The letters SP shall designate that the use requires a special permit from the Special Permit Granting Authority designated by the referenced Section of the Zoning Bylaw.

Table of Uses

Subzone	A	B	C
1. Residential Uses			
Multifamily dwellings including dwelling units over nonresidential space	Y	Y	N
Assisted Living Facility	N	Y	N
2. Nonresidential Uses			
Trade, professional, or other school conducted as a private business for gain	N	Y	Y
Swimming, tennis, fitness center, or other indoor or outdoor recreational facility as an accessory use	Y	Y	Y
Town and municipal uses	Y	Y	Y
Business, financial, and professional use	N	Y	Y
Offices and clinics for medical, psychiatric, or other health services for examination or treatment of persons as out-patient, including only laboratories that are part of such office or clinic	N	Y	Y
Commercial or educational radio or television studio; theatre as an accessory use	N	Y	Y
Store for retail sale of merchandise, provided all display, storage, and sale of materials are conducted within a building and provided there be no manufacturing or assembly on the premises	N	Y	Y
Eating places serving food and beverages to be consumed within the building as an accessory use	N	Y	Y
Restaurant, dining facility, or other establishment providing food and beverages with no live or mechanical entertainment as an accessory use	N	Y	Y
Service businesses serving local needs, such as barber shops, tailor, beauty shops, shoe repair, or dry cleaning pick-up agency	N	Y	Y
Sales places for flowers, garden supplies, or agricultural produce partly or wholly outdoors	N	Y	Y
Communications tower and wireless communications facility	N	N	N
Wireless communication facility, when incorporated into the structure of a building	Y	Y	Y
Any use listed above involving toxic or hazardous materials in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use, as regulated by the Section 5.4 of the Zoning			

Bylaw, Aquifer Protection Districts, as in effect on May 21, 2007.	SP	SP	SP

3. Accessory Uses

Home Occupation; provided that it is conducted solely within a dwelling and solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence; does not produce offensive noise,] vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, lighting, electrical interference, radioactive emission or environmental pollution; does not utilize exterior storage of material or equipment; does not exhibit any exterior indication, except a sign not exceeding two s.f., of its presence or any variation from residential appearance; does not produce any customer, pupil, or client trips to the occupation site and has no nonresident employees; and is registered as a business with the Town Clerk	Y	Y	N
Home Occupation in compliance with the above, which, in addition to the resident(s) of the premises, has not more than one additional employee; and produces reasonable customer, pupil, or client trips to the occupation site, as governed by Section 7.9 of the Easton Zoning By-Law , as in effect on May 21, 2007.	SP	SP	N
Theatre or auditorium accessory to a use permitted above	Y	Y	Y

4. Substantially Developed Land

For Substantially Developed Land, the construction of infill housing on existing vacant lots, and of additional housing units in existing residential buildings or additions thereto or replacements thereof, shall be permitted as of right. The allowable residential densities in such Substantially Developed Land shall be equal to those set forth in the underlying zoning. The adoption of the QSGOD shall supersede the use regulations applicable in the underlying zoning to the extent necessary to permit such residential uses as of right.

5. Prohibited Uses

No use defined as an Adult Entertainment Establishment under the Easton Zoning Bylaw shall be allowed in the QSGOD. The following uses prohibited in the Aquifer Protection Bylaw shall not be allowed in the QSGOD:

1. Sales or storage of fuels
2. Junk yards
3. Car washes
4. Road salt stockpiles when not stored in approved structures
5. Dumping of snow from outside the district
6. Dry cleaning establishments, except pick-up and drop-off
7. Motor vehicle and boat service and repair facilities
8. Metal plating establishments
9. Veterinary clinic or animal hospital
10. Chemical or bacteriological laboratories
11. Sanitary landfills
12. Solid waste facilities
13. Landfilling of sludge and septage
14. Any other use which involves as a principal activity the manufacture, storage, use, transportation or disposal of toxic or hazardous materials, except as allowed by Section 5-4 (F) of the Zoning Bylaw.

These prohibitions shall not be waived.

F) Density

1. In Subzone A

a. Multifamily Use with a density of 20 dwelling units per acre of developable land.

2. In Subzone B

a. Mixed Use with a density of 20 dwelling units per acre of developable land with residential units over available commercial uses. No commercial use shall be allowed except where developed as a Mixed Use with residential use located in the same building.

b. The total amount of commercial space in Subzone B shall not exceed 80,000 sq. ft. aggregate gross floor area.

3. In Subzone C

a. The total amount of commercial space in Subzone C shall not exceed 30,000 sq. ft. aggregate gross floor area.

G) Required Integration of Uses and Market Rate and Subsidized Dwelling Units.

1. No more than half of the allowed commercial space shall be issued a certificate of occupancy until at least 100 dwelling units have been issued a certificate of occupancy.

2. In any phase, no more than 70% of approved market rate units shall be issued a certificate of occupancy until all required subsidized dwelling units have been issued a certificate of occupancy.

H) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

1. Driveways. Curb cuts provide for safe entering and exiting. The location of driveway openings in relation to traffic and to adjacent streets shall provide for the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site. The number of curb cuts on state and local roads shall be minimized.

2. Interior Design. The proposed development shall assure safe interior circulation within its site by separating pedestrian, bike ways, and vehicular traffic.

3. Transportation Plan. The proposed development shall be subject to an approved Transportation Plan. The Transportation Plan shall consist of the following information:

a. A plan showing the proposed parking, loading, traffic and pedestrian circulation within the site; access and egress points; and other features related to traffic generated by the proposed use.

b. A traffic study, prepared by a qualified traffic engineer, detailing the expected traffic impacts. The required traffic study shall substantially conform to the Institute of Transportation Engineers' "Traffic Access and Impact Studies for Site Development: A Recommended Practice," latest edition. The PAA shall approve the geographic scope and content of the study. In addition, the applicant shall submit a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan tailored to the specific uses and the geographic location of the site.

c. Proposed mitigation measures, if any, such as left-turn lanes, roadway widening, signage, signalization of intersections.

I) Noise

Any Project in the QSGOD shall comply with all provisions contained in Section 11-1 of the Zoning Bylaw governing sound levels.

J) Dimensional Regulations

No building or structure shall be built or shall any existing building or structure be enlarged except in conformance with the accompanying table as to lot coverage, front, side and rear yards, and maximum height of structures, in the districts as set forth below.

Table of Dimensional Regulations

Zoning District	A	B	C
Min. Yard (ft.)			
Front	25	0	25
Rear	20	0	20
Side	15	0	15
Max. Bldg. Height (ft.)	60	60	35
Max. # of Stories above Grade	4	4	3
Max. % of Lot Coverage by Structure	25	25	25

For the purposes of this provision, the term "lot" shall mean the entirety of the QSGOD.

K) Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations

1. Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements. Any structure that is constructed, enlarged, or extended, or has a change of use which affects the computation of parking spaces, and any use of land established, or any existing use is changed, parking and loading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations and the Table of Off-Street Loading Regulations. An existing structure which is enlarged or an existing use which is extended shall be required to provide parking and loading spaces in accordance with the following tables for the entire structure or use.

2. Existing Spaces. Parking or loading spaces being maintained in connection with any existing use shall not be decreased so long as said use remains, unless a number of parking or loading spaces is constructed elsewhere such that the total number of spaces conforms to the requirements of the tables of this Section provided: this regulation shall not require the maintenance of more parking or loading spaces than is required according to the tables.

3. Computation of Spaces. When the computation of required parking or loading spaces results in the requirement of fractional space, any fraction over one-half shall require one space.

4. Combined Facilities. Parking required for two or more buildings or uses may be provided in combined facilities on the same or adjacent lots, where it is evidence that such facilities will continue to be available for the several buildings or uses.

Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations

Uses	Minimum Number of Parking Spaces per Unit
Multifamily Dwellings	1.75 for each dwelling unit in Subzone A; 1.25 for each dwelling unit in Subzone B
Restaurant, church, radio or television studio, accessory auditorium or theatre or similar place of public assembly with seating facilities	One for each three seats of total seating capacity

Retail, service, offices, finance, insurance, real estate establishment, or shopping center	Three per each 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor space
Assisted Living Facility	One per bed at design capacity, plus employees on largest shift
Community facility (Town building, recreation, etc.)	One per each 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor space
Multiple Use	Sum of various uses computed as in Section K.6 of this QSGOD

5. Location of Loading Spaces. The loading spaces required for the uses listed in the Table of Off-Street Loading Requirements shall in all cases be on the same lot as the use they are intended to serve. In no case shall the required loading spaces be part of the area used to satisfy the parking requirements of this by-law.

6. Shared Parking. Shared parking may be applied when land uses have different parking demand patterns and are able to use the same parking spaces/areas throughout the day. Shared parking is most effective when these land uses have significantly different peak parking characteristics that vary by time of day, day of week, and/or season of the year. In these situations, shared parking strategies will result in fewer total parking spaces needed when compared to the total number of spaces needed for each land use or business separately. Shared parking is a strategy that can significantly reduce that amount of land devoted to parking while providing a number of spaces and encouraging compact land development.

For multiple uses, the number of parking spaces required shall be determined by a study prepared by the applicant following the procedures of the Urban Land Institute Shared Parking Report, ITE Shared Parking Guidelines, or other accepted procedures approved by the Plan Approval Authority.

Table of Off-Street Loading Regulations

Uses	Number of Loading Spaces
Retail trade	One per 20,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof of gross floor area up to two spaces; one additional space for each 60,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof of gross floor area over 40,000 sq. ft.
Business, community facility	One per 75,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof of gross floor area up to two spaces; one additional space for each 200,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof of gross floor area over 150,000 sq. ft.

7. Waiver of Parking and Loading Requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any minimum required amount of parking or loading may be reduced upon a demonstration to the reasonable satisfaction of the PAA that the lesser amount of parking will not cause excessive congestion, endanger public safety, or that lesser amount of parking will provide positive environmental or other benefits, taking into consideration:

a. The availability of surplus off street parking or loading in the vicinity of the use being served and/or the proximity of a bus station or major transportation route;

b. The availability of public or commercial parking facilities in the vicinity of the use being served;

c. Shared use of off street parking spaces serving other uses having peak user demands at different times;

d. Age or other occupancy restrictions which are likely to result in a lower level of auto usage;

e. Impact of the parking or loading requirement on the physical environment of the affected lot or the adjacent lots including reduction in green space, destruction of significant existing trees and other vegetation, destruction of existing dwelling units, or loss of pedestrian amenities along public ways; and

f. Such other factors as may be considered by the PAA.

L) Application for Plan Approval

1. Pre-Application. Prior to the submittal of a site plan, a "Concept Plan" may be submitted to help guide the development of the definitive site plan for Project buildout and individual elements thereof. Such Concept Plan should reflect the following:

a. Overall building envelope areas;
b. Areas which shall remain undeveloped;
c. General site improvements, groupings of buildings, and proposed land uses.

The Concept Plan is intended to be used as a tool for both the applicant and the PAA to ensure that the proposed Project design will be consistent with the Design Standards and Guidelines and the other requirements of the QSGOD.

2. Application. An application for Plan Approval shall be submitted to the PAA on the form provided by the PAA. An application shall show the proposed buildout of the entire Project, whether the Project will be phased or not.

3. Required Submittals. The application for Plan Approval shall be accompanied by the following plans and documents:

a. Properly executed application form, and (if applicable) all materials necessary for facilitating a public hearing on the application;

b. A filing fee of $1,500 to cover Town administrative costs.

c. List of any requested waivers from the requirements of this Section 7-17, including a detailed explanation/justification of the reason for such request.

d. A Site Plan prepared by a professional architect or registered professional engineer, at a scale of one inch equals forty feet (1" = 40'), or at other scale as may be necessary to show all detail clearly and accurately. Sheet sizes shall not exceed twenty-four inches by thirty-six (24" x 36"), and shall not be less than eleven inches by seventeen inches (11" x 17"). If multiple sheets are used they shall be accompanied by an index sheet showing the entire parcel at an appropriate scale. If the plans submitted are 11" x 17" in size, a total of twenty-five (25) copies of the plans shall accompany the application. If the plans prepared exceed 11" x 17" in size, a total of five (5) copies of such plans and twenty (20) sets of reduced-size copies (11" x 17") shall be submitted. The Plan shall include the following information:

1. Name and address of the person or entity submitting the application;

2. Name and address of the owner of the subject property, if different;

3. Present use of the land and description and use of existing building thereon, if any;

4. Proposed use of the land;

5. Proposed use of existing buildings, if any;

6. Description and proposed use of the proposed building, if any;

7. Subzone in which the parcel is located, including floodplain if applicable;

8. Locus Map (scale of 1"=1,000') and north arrow;

9. Title Block containing: name of the project; applicant; property owner; property address and Assessor's Map/Lot number; date (with revisions); name, address and phone number, and the signature and seal of the professional architect or engineer preparing the plan;

10. Wetlands, Ponds, Streams, or other water bodies, including all applicable buffer zones;

11. Ownership of all abutting land and approximate location of buildings, driveways, and parking areas thereon within a maximum distance of two hundred feet (200') of the property lines;

12. Existing and proposed topography at two-foot (2') elevation intervals;

13. All property lines of the subject property, and all setbacks of buildings and parking areas from said lines, and existing and proposed easements, if any;

14. Extent and type of all existing and proposed surfaces (pervious and impervious) on the property, including specific materials;

15. Lot coverage calculations showing percentage of buildings, percentage of pavement, and percentage of open space/landscaped areas;

16. Parking calculations for proposed use, including all existing use that will continue to exist on the property, if applicable;

17. Calculations of the volume of earth material to be removed or filled on the property, and delineation of the location of such activity;

18. Driveways and driveway openings/entrances;

19. Parking and loading spaces;

20. Service areas and all facilities for screening;

21. Landscaping;

22. Lighting;

23. Proposed signs (business, traffic, etc.);

24. Sewage, refuse and other waste disposal;

25. Stormwater management facilities (drainage);

26. All structures and buildings associated with the proposed and existing use(s) on the property;

27. Exterior storage areas and fences;

28. Utilities and their exterior appurtenances (e.g., fire connections);

29. Provisions for dust and erosion control and;

30. Any other details or information deemed necessary by the PAA due to the unique nature of a proposed use or the subject property;

e. A stormwater management hydrological study prepared in accordance with the Design Standards.

f. A report, if applicable, showing calculations of the volume of earth material to be removed from or delivered to the site, including a description of such removal or fill activity. Depending upon the volume of material to be removed or filled, the Planning Board may require the Applicant to submit additional information (if not submitted in the report) regarding, but not limited to, the following: the hours of fill/removal activity; proposed route of transporting materials to and from site; measures for dust and erosion control (both on- and off-site) for the activity.

g. Scaled architectural drawings showing all proposed development, including site plans, elevation drawings, and floor plans. Drawings should clearly and comprehensively illustrate all aspects of the project and detail conformance with the Design Standards.

M) Procedures

1. Filing. An applicant for Plan Approval shall file the application and all required submittals with the Town Clerk and shall also file forthwith 20 copies of the application and the other required submittals with the PAA including notice of the date of filing with the Town Clerk.

2. Circulation to Other Boards. Upon receipt of the Application, the PAA shall immediately provide a copy of the application materials to the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Housing Partnership, Conservation Commission, Fire Department, Police Department, Building Commissioner, Department of Public Works, and other municipal officers, agencies or boards designated by the PAA for comment, and any such board, agency or officer shall provide any written comments within 60 days of its receipt of a copy of the plan and application for approval.

3. Hearing. The PAA shall hold a public hearing for which notice has been given as provided in Section 11 of G.L. Chapter 40A. The decision of the PAA shall be made, and a written notice of the decision filed with the Town Clerk, within 120 days of the receipt of the application by the Town Clerk. The required time limits for such action may be extended by written agreement between the applicant and the PAA, with a copy of such agreement being filed in the office of the Town Clerk. Failure of the PAA to take action within said 120 days or extended time, if applicable, shall be deemed to be an approval of the application and site plan.

4. Peer Review. In addition to the application fee, the applicant shall be required to pay for reasonable consulting fees to provide peer review of the Plan Approval application, pursuant to G.L. c. 40R, s. 11. This technical review fee shall be paid at the time of the application. The initial deposit shall be $15,000 and shall be subject to replenishment as needed. Such fees shall be held by the Town in a separate account and used only for expenses associated with the review of the application by outside consultants, including, but not limited to, attorneys, engineers, urban designers, housing consultants, planners, and others. Any surplus remaining after the completion of such review, including any interest accrued, shall be returned to the applicant.

N) Design Standards

In order to preserve and augment the QSGOD's architectural qualities, historic character and pedestrian scale, the "Smart Growth Overlay District Design Standards," as amended from time to time by majority vote of the PAA and upon approval of DHCD, are incorporated herein as an appendix hereto, and are applicable to all Projects within the QSGOD. Said design standards address: architectural elements; the scale and proportion of buildings; the alignment, width, grade, and surfacing materials of streets and sidewalks; the type and location of infrastructure; site design; off-street parking; landscaping design and species selection; exterior and window signs; and buffering in relation to adjacent properties. Said design standards are intended to be applied flexibly by the PAA as part of the Plan Approval process. All applications for Plan Approval shall comply, except where a specific waiver is granted, to said design standards.

O) Decision

1. Waivers. Except where expressly prohibited herein, upon the request of the Applicant the Plan Approval Authority may waive dimensional and other requirements of Section 7.17, including the Design Standards, in the interests of design flexibility and overall project quality, and upon a finding of consistency of such variation with the overall purpose and objectives of the QSGOD, or if it finds that such waiver will allow the Project to achieve the density, affordability, mix of uses, and/or physical character allowable under this Section.

2. Plan Review. An Application for Plan Approval shall be reviewed for consistency with the purpose and intent of this Section, and such Plan Review and shall be construed as an as-of-right review and approval process as required by and in accordance with the Enabling Laws.

3. Plan Approval. Plan Approval shall be granted by a simple majority where the PAA finds that:

a. The applicant has submitted the required fees and information as set forth herein; and

b. The Project and site plan meet the requirements and standards set forth this Section 7-17, or a waiver has been granted therefrom; and

c. Extraordinary adverse potential impacts of the Project on nearby properties have been adequately mitigated by means of suitable conditions.

4. Plan Disapproval. A site plan may be disapproved only where the PAA finds that:

a. The applicant has not submitted the required fees and information as set forth herein; or

b. The Project and site plan do not meet the requirements and standards set forth this Section 7-17 , or a waiver has not been granted therefrom; or

c. It is not possible to adequately mitigate significant adverse project impacts on nearby properties by means of suitable conditions.

5. Form of Decision. All decisions of the PAA shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting. The PAA shall issue to the applicant a copy of its decision containing the name and address of the owner, identifying the land affected, and the plans that were the subject of the decision, and certifying that a copy of the decision has been filed with the Town Clerk and that all plans referred to in the decision are on file with the PAA. If twenty (20) days have elapsed after the decision has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk without an appeal having been filed or if such appeal, having been filed, is dismissed or denied, the Town Clerk shall so certify on a copy of the decision. A copy of the decision shall be provided to the Building Commissioner. A copy of the decision or application bearing such certification shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county and district in which the land is located and indexed in the grantor index under the name of the owner of record or recorded and noted on the owner's certificate of title. The fee for recording or registering shall be paid by the applicant.

P) Change in Plans after Approval by PAA

1. Minor Change. After Plan Approval, an applicant may be apply to make minor changes involving minor utility or building orientation adjustments, or minor adjustments to parking or other site details that do not affect the overall buildout or building envelope of the site, or provision of open space, number of housing units, or housing need or affordability features. Such minor changes must be submitted to the PAA on redlined prints of the approved plan, reflecting the proposed change, and on application forms provided by the PAA. The PAA may authorize such changes at any regularly scheduled meeting, without the need to hold a public hearing. The PAA shall set forth any decision

to approve or deny such minor change by motion and written decision, and provide a copy to the applicant for filing with the Town Clerk. A copy of the decision shall be provided to the Building Commissioner.

2. Major Change. Those changes deemed by the PAA to constitute a major change because of the nature of the change in relation to the prior approved plan, or because such change cannot be appropriately characterized as a minor change as described above, shall be processed by the PAA as a new application for Plan Approval pursuant to this Section.

Q) Enforcement; Appeal

The provisions of the QSGOD shall be administered by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, except as otherwise provided herein. Any appeal arising out of action by the PAA regarding an application for Plan Approval for a Project shall be governed by the applicable provisions of G. L. c. 40R. Any other request for enforcement or appeal arising under this Section shall be governed by the applicable provisions of G. L. c. 40A.

R) Severability

If any provision of this Section 7-17 is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of Section 7-17 shall remain in full force. The invalidity of any provision of this Section 7-17 shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Town's Zoning By-Law.

APPENDICES

A SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT DESIGN STANDARDS

B MAP OF QSGOD

APPENDIX A:
SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT (SGOD) DESIGN STANDARDS

These General Design Standards are set forth to:

- Promote preservation of open space and natural resources;
- Promote access to and through the site on foot or on bicycle;
- Maintain the visual sense of neighborhood character; and
- Create a vibrant neighborhood center.

These Standards are applicable in all subzones. These Design Standards are intended to clarify the permitting review process, and to define expectations for the size, bulk, exterior sheathing, open space, and placement of structures. These Design Standards shall supersede all other standards set forth elsewhere in the Zoning By-laws, other than those set forth in the QSGOD.

I. DEFINITIONS

In these Design Standards, the words "shall," should," and "may" are used to describe specific conditions. To clarify the meanings intended by the use of these words, the following definitions apply:

A. Shall: A mandatory condition. Where certain requirements in the design or application of the standard are described with the "shall" stipulation, it is mandatory that these requirements be met.

B. Should: An advisory condition. Where the word "should" is used, a condition is considered advisable, but is not mandatory. Noncompliance with a condition stipulated with the word "should" will not be the basis for Plan Disapproval.

C. May: A permissive condition. No requirement or recommendation is intended.

II. ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

A. Building Design

1. **Blank Walls.** Buildings should avoid large blank walls.

    a. Buildings should not be designed with long, undifferentiated surfaces, facades or store frontages.

b. Buildings should have large windows that open to facilitate indoor-outdoor interaction with street.

c. Windows on walls perpendicular to the street are encouraged.

2. **Ground floors.** Ground floors or bases immediately next to pedestrians should reflect a higher level of detail refinement and high quality materials, with substantially transparent, open facades for commercial uses at street level.

3. **Middle Floors.** Architectural features may include: belt courses or horizontal bands to distinguish individual floors; change in materials and color and/ or texture that enhance specific form elements or vertical elements of the building; a pattern of windows; and/or bay windows to give scale to the structure.

4. **Top Floors.** Building design should clearly distinguish tops of buildings from the façade walls by including detail elements consistent with the traditional neighborhood buildings such as steep gables with overhangs, parapets and cornices.

5. **Rooftops.** Rooftop building systems (i.e., mechanical and electrical equipment, antennas) should be screened from all key observation points by integrating them into the building design with parapets, screens or other methods. The roof line or top of the structure shall be clearly distinguished from its façade walls.

B. Distinctive Features

New buildings should exhibit design compatible with their context. Design elements should respect the scale, massing and materials of architecturally significant local buildings and landscape.

1. New buildings should generally include:

- Operable windows, especially on storefronts.
- Solid kick panels below windows;
- Large storefront windows, where applicable;
- High level of fine grained detailing and trim;
- High quality materials, such as wood, brick, and stone;
- Canopies, variable parapets, and cornices; and,
- Pitched roofs.

1. Buildings should be designed with transom or clerestory windows above entrances, display windows and projected bay windows.

2. Multiple paned windows that divide large areas of glass into smaller parts should be used to add human scale.

3. Building entry treatments should be arched or framed in a manner that welcomes people, offers protection from the elements, and emphasizes the building's architecture.

4. Architectural elements should be human-scaled. Improve and support pedestrian-orientation by using components such as:

- Non-reflective storefront windows and transoms;
- Pedestrian-scaled awnings;
- Architectural detailing on the first floor; and
- Detailing at the roof line.

5. Solid canopies or fabric awnings over the sidewalk may be used.

6. Vinyl awnings are not permitted.

C. Massing

The massing of large buildings should reflect the functions of the building and respond to the scale of traditional buildings by including major facade elements, which help to break the building into smaller pieces with distinctive appearances.

1. Building design should break up building mass by incorporating different facade treatments at an appropriate interval, where practical.

2. Building massing should consider existing views and incorporate site and building design features that may help to preserve those views from public rights-of-way.

3. Color schemes should help reduce apparent size and bulk of buildings and provide visual interest.

III. LANDSCAPING

Landscaping should be designed to:

- Enhance the pedestrian environment,
- Provide shade,
- Minimize irrigation requirements,
- Integrate buildings and paved areas into the environment, and
- Contribute to stormwater management and treatment.

A. Landscape Design.

1. Existing significant trees should be preserved where feasible.
2. Streets and access drives shall be lined with shade trees.
3. Large paved areas should be visually divided and screened with greenery.
4. Buffers should be provided within and around the development, with the provision of continuous planting beds for hedges, shrubs or other plantings to screen pavements, especially parking areas from streets, except that landscaping should not create undue barriers for pedestrians.
5. Buildings should be integrated into the landscape with plantings, taking care to soften the harshness where buildings meet parking areas.
6. All buildings shall have foundation landscaping.
7. All islands and landscape areas shall be of a width that is suitable to support healthy plant growth.

B. Plantings

1. Plantings shall be indigenous and drought resistant. Plants listed on the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List shall not be used.
2. Plantings should be selected to provide seasonal interest in foliage, bloom and fragrance, so that pedestrians experience a pleasant environment.
3. Street trees should be used in commercial and residential environments to create overhanging canopies of trees.
4. Trees species should be selected so as to minimize damage to trees by vehicles and to maintain signage visibility. Trees listed on the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List shall not be used.
5. Trees shall be indigenous and draught and disease resistant.

IV. MATERIALS

A. Exterior Finish Materials.

1. Materials should have texture or pattern.
2. Materials should be consistent with the existing or intended neighborhood character, including brick, wood, and stone. Wood siding should be clapboard or shingles.
3. Applied foam ornamentation and EIFS (Exterior Insulation & Finish System) shall not be used. Vinyl and aluminum siding are prohibited.

B. Surfacing and Curbing Materials

1. Roads, driveways and parking areas shall be graded, surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or other suitable non-erosive material. Pervious paving is encouraged.
2. Sidewalks shall be surfaced with concrete, brick, or stone, and should be constructed to permit rainwater to infiltrate the soil.
3. Overflow parking, which shall be designated and defined as not less than 10% of surface parking spaces, shall be surfaced with pervious materials.
4. Curbing shall be vertical granite for sidewalk areas adjacent to buildings and sidewalks along roadways within Subzone C. Curbing is not required for all areas, and may in fact be undesirable for implementing Low Impact Development stormwater management practices (e.g. allowing stormwater to exit from paved surfaces via sheet flow onto adjacent vegetated areas). Sloped granite curbing, or other material and design suitable for safe and easy migration of reptiles and amphibians shall otherwise be used.

V. PROJECT ENVIRONMENT

A. Lighting

Distinctive features of the building, including entries, signage, canopies, and areas of architectural detail and interest should be illuminated. Pedestrian scale pole lights along streets and walks should be provided.

1. Pedestrian-scale lighting shall be used to illuminate all sidewalks and walkways through parking areas.
2. Light fixtures should be dark-sky friendly light fixtures. All light fixtures, other than pedestrian-scale lighting less than 14 feet tall, shall be fully shielded to reduce light pollution. This shall generally mean that light fixtures should be constructed and installed in such a manner that all light emitted by it, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the lighting fixture, is projected below the horizontal.
3. Fixtures that produce glare or that spill light to adjoining sites are prohibited.
4. Lighting in display windows to illuminate the sidewalk may be provided.
5. Solar powered and/or LED lighting should be used.
6. Lighting should be provided around all structures, driveways, driveway entrances, walkways, entrances, pathways, or other means and handling pedestrian and vehicular traffic, throughout parking areas, and along interior streets. A minimum of two foot-candles is recommended at all locations.

B. Landscaped Areas

Projects should be designed and sited to maximize opportunities for creating usable, attractive, well-integrated landscaped common areas.

1. Site design should incorporate quasi-public landscaped common areas with new mixed use development, with special focus on corner landscape treatments and courtyard entries.
2. Site design should create parks as focal points within the Project.
3. Substantial street-side gardens, including rain gardens, between buildings and streets that are visually accessible to the public view should be provided.
4. Development should be set back, where appropriate, to preserve a view corridor.
5. Species selected for landscaped areas shall be indigenous, draught resistant species and should require minimal irrigation or fertilizer.
6. Where feasible, landscaped areas should be utilized for management of stormwater run-off.

C. Screening of Dumpsters, Utilities and Service Areas

1. All utilities shall be underground, to the extent feasible.
2. All dumpsters, utility/service areas shall be screened.

VI. SIGNS

Signage should provide information that is simple and legible, of a size and location that avoids competing with or obscuring the architecture of the building. In general, the number of signs on a facade should be kept to the minimum necessary to effectively communicate the messages being conveyed. Signage should be unique to this town rather than being generic. Signs should be architecturally compatible with the style, composition, materials, colors and details of the building and with other signs on nearby buildings while providing for adequate identification of the business. These Standards also apply to signage in a residential complex. Alternative signs not meeting these standards may be allowed if it is found by the Plan Approval Authority that the design and appearance are superior and comply with the intent of these Design Standards.

1. **Lighting.** Building and signage lighting shall be indirect, with the light source(s) hidden from direct pedestrian and motorist view. For exterior sign illumination, shaded gooseneck lamps should be used. Signage should have the capability of being lit in the evening, although the source of light should not be visible to motorists or pedestrians.
2. **Materials.** Signs shall be constructed of natural materials, such as metal or wood. Permanently painted window signage may be used and should be compatible with the architecture of the building. Painted window signs shall not consume more than one-third of the glazed area of the window.
3. **Prohibited and restricted signs.** Internally illuminated signs (including neon)

are prohibited. Temporary window signage shall be limited to one-third of the window surface area. Vinyl signs and electronic message boards are prohibited.

4. **Projecting signs.** Projecting signs shall not be greater than twelve square feet in area and may have a maximum width of three feet. Such signs shall not extend beyond the first floor of the building. No less than eight feet of clearance shall be provided between the sidewalk elevation and the lowest point of the projecting sign. The maximum distance between a sign and building face shall be one foot. Signs should not block or obliterate design details, windows or cornices of the buildings on which they are placed.

5. **Sales Center Signage.** Signs used for directional purposes or to advertise any Sales Center within the District shall conform to the general conditions applicable to all signage.

6. **Park, Trail and Bikeway Signage.** Signs used to mark or to indicate directions to parks and bicycle or other trails should be sized so that they can be read by passing cars when adjacent to roadways, or by pedestrians and cyclists when adjacent to pedestrian- or bikeways. Use of natural materials such as wood is preferred.

7. **Other Signs.** The provisions of the Easton Zoning By-Law, Chapter 10, "Regulation of On-Site Premise Signs By Zone" as in effect May 21, 2007 shall otherwise apply.

VII. SITE PLANNING

A. Connectivity

1. The site shall provide, within the Project boundaries, constructed pedestrian/bicycle connections to all internal and adjacent recreational, civic, commercial, office, industrial, and/or multifamily residential uses. Pedestrian walkways or sidewalks shall also connect uses within the site, including business and residential uses. This requirement may only be waived if can be demonstrated that it is not feasible for safety, economic, or topographical reasons.

2. The site plan shall include easements and rights of way within the Project boundaries necessary to provide for future vehicular connections to all adjacent recreational, civic, commercial, office, industrial, and/or multifamily residential uses. If applicable, such easements shall connect to existing off-site easements. This requirement may only be waived if can be demonstrated that it is not feasible for safety, economic, or topographical reasons.

B. Corner Lots

1. Buildings on corner lots should be oriented to the corner and public street fronts.

2. Parking and automobile access should be located away from the corners, where practical.

3. Residential entries and special landscaping should be incorporated into corner lots by setting the structure back from the property lines.

C. Parking and Vehicle Access

1. Siting should minimize the impact of automobile parking and driveways on the pedestrian environment, adjacent properties and pedestrian safety.

2. Surface parking areas shall be set back from structures and property lines by a minimum of 5 feet. Other than parallel parking, off-street parking shall be set back from Washington Street by at least 20 feet and from streets internal to the Project by at least 5 feet.

3. Parking areas should serve both parking and public open space needs.

4. Travel lanes adjacent to surface parking stalls shall be as follows:

Type of Parking	One Way width	Two Way width
90 degree	24 feet	24 feet
75 degree	20 feet	24 feet
60 degree	18 feet	24 feet
45 degree	16 feet	24 feet
Parallel	10 feet	20 feet

5. Surface parking stalls shall be 9' X 18' except that up to 30% of required parking spaces may be for compact cars, and may be 8.5' X 16'. Angled parking shall be sized proportionally.

6. Site access points shall be designed to minimize conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, as illustrated in Figure 1. Driveway entrances shall not resemble that described as "Least Desirable." Driveway entrances may resemble that described as "Better Design for Some Commercial Driveways." Driveway entrances should resemble that described as "Most Desirable Design for All Driveways."

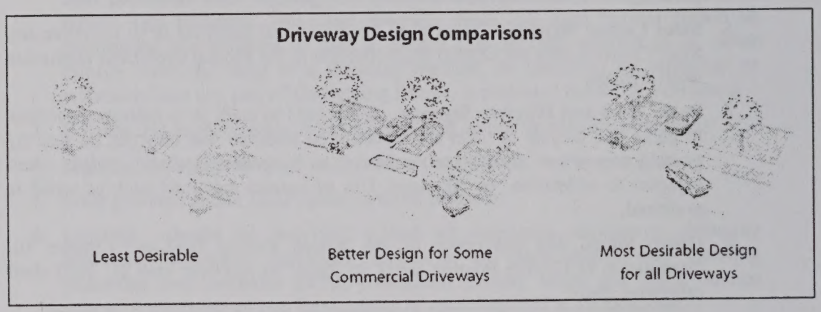

Driveway Design Comparisons
Least Desirable
Better Design for Some Commercial Driveways
Most Desirable Design for all Driveways

Figure 1.

C. Pedestrian and Bicycle Amenities

1. Site planning should l consider the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists in traveling within the site and to adjacent destinations, and should preserve and enhance the pedestrian environment in mixed use areas by providing for continuous sidewalks that are unencumbered by parked vehicles and are minimally broken within a block by vehicular access

2. Sidewalks shall be provided adjacent to all public rights-of-way and streets.

    a. Sidewalks should connect to destinations within and adjacent to the site.

    b. Sidewalks shall be surfaced with concrete, brick, or stone; minimum width shall be five feet. Surface treatments should be pervious, unless additional stormwater runoff treatment will be provided through alternate methods.

3. Delineated walkways should be provided through parking lots, connecting to destinations within and external to the site and to sidewalks.

4. Entry areas shall be protected from the weather.

5. Entryways should be provided that link the building to the surrounding landscape.

6. Open spaces at street level should link to the open space of the sidewalk.

7. Building entrances should emphasize pedestrian ingress and egress as opposed to accommodating vehicles.

8. Overhead weather protection should be designed with consideration of: the overall architectural concept of the building; uses occurring within the building (such as entries and retail spaces) or in the adjacent streetscape environment (such as bus stops and intersections).

9. Sidewalks shall be constructed to allow benches, trash containers, and planters, which shall be provided near retail entrances and at bus stops. At bus stops, such benches shall be protected from the weather.

10. Bike racks shall be provided near entrances to retail and residential buildings. Bike racks should be covered. At least 1 bicycle space shall be provided for every 40 parking spots.

D. Streets and Streetscapes

1. Street design standards shall not be limited to defined rights of way but shall also apply to driveways and internal ways which function as streets.

2. Trees shall be provided in continuous planter strips whenever possible, along both interior and exterior streets and along or in between rows of parking stalls, as

shown in the example illustrations (Figure 2a, 2b, & 2c.) Hedges, shrubs, and other plantings, especially evergreen species, should also be provided.

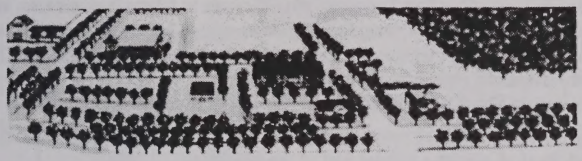


Figure 2a

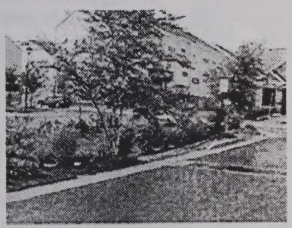


Figure 2b

Figure 2c

a. Street trees shall be deciduous, indigenous species that provide summer shade, winter light, and should provide year-round visual interest.

b. Planter strips shall have an inside width suitable to support healthy plant growth.

c. The use of tree grates for planting individual trees should be limited to the extent possible.

d. This section shall not require that trees be planted where they will obscure traffic sight lines.

3. Vehicle entrances to buildings should not dominate the streetscape. Structures should be oriented to provide pedestrian entrances to the sidewalk.

4. Streets and sidewalks, especially crossing points, should be designed to promote universal access and shall comply with ADA standards.

5. Pavement on streets on which there are no parking, loading area, or emergency/fire access requirements shall be no wider than 20 feet. Pavement on streets with parallel parking one side shall be no wider than 28 feet, which shall be 2 driving lanes which shall be 10' wide and one lane of parking which shall be 8' wide.

VIII. SURFACING, DRAINAGE, & IRRIGATION

Roads, driveways and parking areas shall be graded, surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or other suitable non-erosive material, and drained in a manner to prevent nuisance of standing water, erosion, or excessive water flow across abutting streets or ways, within the proposed parking area, to abutting properties, and to wetland resource areas; natural drainage courses shall be utilized insofar as possible. Pervious asphalt, pervious concrete, pervious pavers or reinforced turf should be used where consistent with sound engineering practices, such as in low traffic volume areas and parking areas located in areas furthest from the buildings being served.

To the extent feasible and practical, stormwater management shall incorporate Low Impact Development strategies. Low Impact Development (LID) is a stormwater management strategy concerned with maintaining or restoring the natural hydrologic functions of a site to achieve natural resource protection objectives and fulfill environmental regulatory requirements.

LID employs a variety of natural and built features that:

- Collect and treat stormwater runoff close to its source.
- Reduce the rate of runoff,
- Filter out its pollutants, and
- Facilitate the infiltration of water into the ground.

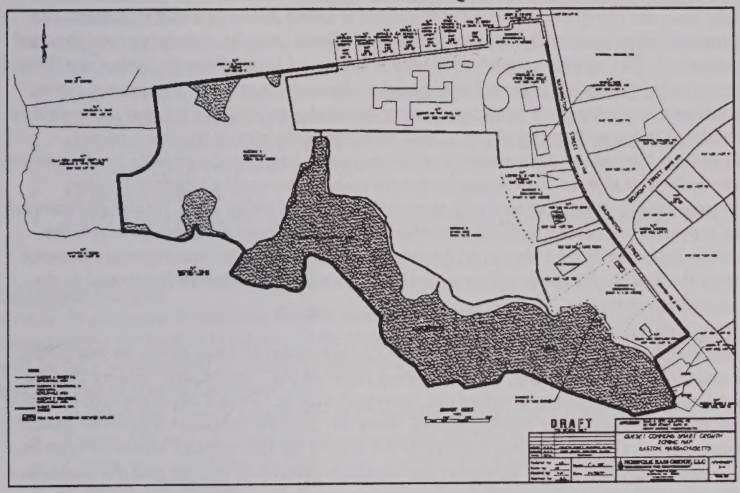
Rather than collecting runoff in piped or channelized networks and controlling the flow downstream in a large stormwater management facility, LID takes a decentralized approach that disperses flows and manages runoff closer to where it originates, and incorporates a set of overall site design strategies as well as highly localized, small-scale, decentralized source control techniques such as, for example, rain gardens, roof run-off collection or infiltration system, and permeable paving.

1. Low Impact Development techniques should be used throughout the site.
2. Detention and filtration systems shall be located onsite and shall have curvilinear sides, so as to appear a natural part of the landscape.
    a. Manmade embankments shall have maximum side slopes of three (3) feet horizontal and one (1) foot vertical, or retaining walls shall be employed.
    b. Landscaped erosion control techniques shall be used in place of visible riprap.
3. Natural drainage courses should be utilized insofar as possible.
4. Curbing shall be required only as necessary to limit off pavement vehicle access or for pedestrian safety, unless other suitable materials are used.
5. All stormwater LID features, detention, and filtration systems shall be designed to conform to the most recent edition of the Stormwater Management Policy of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.
6. Impervious surface should be minimized.
7. Paved roadway, parking, and other impervious areas should be drained toward Low Impact Development practices such as bioretention areas (rain gardens), roadside swales and infiltration structures.
8. Stormwater from roof areas should be directed to subsurface cisterns properly sized and engineered for re-use as on-site irrigation water. Any excess overflow from such systems should be recharged to the ground. If necessary, supplemental water for irrigation shall be provided from on-site private irrigation wells.
9. Stormwater from roof areas that cannot be practically collected for on-site irrigation reuse shall be infiltrated or directed to landscaped areas (e.g. rain gardens), and shall not be allowed to flow onto paved surfaces.
10. Automatic irrigation systems that incorporate rain shut-off devices shall be used on site to ensure maximum water efficiency. Irrigation systems shall be designed so as not to operate during precipitation events, in windy conditions, or during the hottest part of the day (8am to 6pm). The amount of water applied should be sufficient to only fill the effective root zone and minimize evaporative loss.

IX. Erosion and Sedimentation Control

Project design and development practices shall comply with recommendations in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's most recent edition of the "Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas."

APPENDIX B – MAP OF QSGOD



And to accept the report of the Planning and Zoning Board in relation to this Article, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law by adding at the end of Section 3-1 the following new entry: Queset Smart Growth Overlay District - (QSGOD) and the following new Section 7-17 Queset Smart Growth Overlay District (QSGOD) as printed in your Warrant.

Explanation: Many communities in Massachusetts have elected to adopt a 40R district in order to benefit from advantages that Smart Growth Zoning (also called 40R zoning) has over conventional zoning and the comprehensive permit process (commonly known as 40B). All of the development planned under the proposed 40R, Queset Smart Growth Overlay District (QSGOD) could actually be built on that site, right now, under existing zoning or comprehensive permit law. But adopting 40R zoning will also have the following advantages over existing zoning or development allowed under Chapter 40B:

- ***Increased local control of development.*** *Local town bylaws protecting historic structures, public health, and natural resources continue to apply, and the Town can impose conditions on site design during the permitting process.*
- ***Increased tax revenue.*** *The new zoning will allow increased business development within the district. (Read more about the financial benefits to the Town below.)*
- ***Incentive payments from the state.*** *The Town stands to immediately receive $350,000 from the state if the 40R zoning is adopted at Town Meeting in May. At full buildout, the project will earn the Town over $1 million in one-time incentive payments from the state*
- ***Opportunity for mitigation, including preservation of forested open space.*** *The Town has negotiated a development agreement worth over $2 million. (Read more about the development agreement below.)*
- ***Improved wastewater treatment.*** *The proposed 40R project will use a package treatment plant to treat wastewater to a much higher standard than septic systems could.*
- ***Increased Affordable Housing.*** *The new zoning will allow for 280 new units of housing, including 56 units of housing affordable to households earning up to 80% of the area median income. The development will also help Easton achieve its goal of 10% affordable housing.*

If the 40R district is adopted, what will be different?

Right now, the site of the proposed 40R district is zoned Business and Residential. The Business zone extends 600 feet from Washington Street, and the remaining land is zoned Residential. The number of allowable uses in proposed Smart Growth Zoning are limited in comparison to the number and type found in the existing zoning. For example, one could construct a fast food restaurant on the site under existing zoning, but this would be prohibited in the new zoning district. The new zoning district additionally allows "mixed-use" buildings (apartments over shops) and allows condominiums or apartments to be built further from Washington Street (in what is currently a residential zone). The proposed development includes apartments, assisted living units, retail / commercial use, a conference center, and a food market. All of these uses are allowed within the existing Business district; however, package treatment plants are not currently allowed within the Aquifer Protection District and apartments are not currently allowed in the Residential zone.

Why is it called an "overlay" district?

When a 40R district is adopted, a developer has the option to build under the old zoning or under the new 40R zoning. The old zoning is called the "underlying" zoning and the new Smart Growth zoning is called the "overlay" district. Once a developer applies for a building permit under the overlay zoning, however, only the language within the Queset Smart Growth Overlay District chapter of the Zoning By Law applies within the district. ***All other local town codes, including the wetlands protection bylaws and the demolition delay (for historic structures) bylaw, continue to apply in a 40R district.***

Public Benefits.

What is the financial benefit to the town?

Queset Commons is expected to generate far more revenue than the cost of services used by its residents and businesses. For every $1.00 the project will generate in tax revenue, the project will only use 60¢ in services. The Town will receive an immediate payment of $350,000 from the state in exchange for approving the 40R district. At full buildout, the town will have received more than $1 million in one-time incentive payments from the state, and an additional annual $760,000 in property taxes. Forty percent of the tax revenue generated by the project will be additional revenue for the general fund. Table 1 includes a one-year estimate of revenue and expenditures for Queset Commons following completion of the fourth phase of the project, unadjusted for inflation.

Table 1. Estimated Fiscal Impact of Queset Commons

Fiscal Impact Component	*10-Year Cumulative (Adjusted for Phasing)*	*One-Year Snapshot (FY 2007 Dollars)*
Total Expenditures	*$2,765,900*	*$485,900*
Municipal	*$1,591,300*	*$285,900*
School	*$1,174,600*	*$200,000*
Cost-to-Revenue Ratio	*0.60*	*0.64*
Gross Revenue	***$4,610,200***	***$763,600***
Net Revenue	***$1,844,300***	***$277,700***

How does this protect open space?

Excluding the pond, the site includes a little more than buildable 50 acres. ***The developer has agreed to donate eight acres to the Town of Easton as Conservation Land if the Town adopts the 40R district.*** *Adoption of the 40R zoning will preserve approximately 16% of the buildable acreage on the site. This land has not been included in the new zoning district, which is why it is not referenced in the zoning itself. Additionally, and in contrast to development under 40B, the Town's local wetland protection bylaws will still be in full effect. Additionally, any project submitted under the new zoning will be subject to review by the Conservation Commission.*

Developer's Agreement

In addition to the increased tax revenues and improved design, the Town will benefit from an agreement the developer has made with the Board of Selectmen which will go into effect if the 40R district is adopted. The developer's agreement will provide the following additional benefits to the Town:

- *8 acres of open space abutting existing Conservation Land*
- *Walking trails and new public parking spaces to access existing conservation land*

- *Expansion of the fire station at Depot Street, including the addition of an ambulance bay*
- *Traffic improvements at the intersections of Route 138 and Route 123 and Route 138 and Roosevelt Circle*
- *Reserved capacity in the wastewater treatment plant with potential to serve North Easton Village, including Main Street businesses*
- *Major traffic improvements to the intersections of 138 and 123 and 138 and Roosevelt Circle (worth $1.5 million)*
- *An Easton welcome sign*
- *$3000 a year for public information on maintaining a clean water supply*

Affordable Housing

One of the purposes of adopting the 40R zoning is to provide diverse of housing opportunities for Easton residents. 10% of the subsidized units in the new development will be fully handicapped accessible. Additionally, adoption of the new zoning and construction of Queset Commons will:

- *Increase the Town's percentage of affordable housing from 3.3% to 5.3%*
- *Create 158 new units affordable to moderate-income families*
- *Create new, affordable assisted living facilities for Easton's growing population of adults who need it*

Summary of Design Standards

The new zoning allows the Town to have more control over several aspects of the project design. The zoning establishes the Planning & Zoning Board as the Plan Approval Authority, which will review the project design to ensure compliance with zoning and the design standards. The Planning & Zoning Board can impose conditions on project approval, including requiring mitigation. In general, the General Design Standards regulate:

- *Architectural elements*
- *Infrastructure (such as stormwater management systems)*
- *Roadway construction standards*
- *Landscaping, lighting, and other 'project environment' details*
- *Site layout, and*
- *Signage*

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

The following elected and appointed officials spoke on Article 9: Donna Lopolito, Chair Finance Committee; Caroline O'Neil, Chair School Committee; Christine Santoro, Chair Planning Board; Rachel Hanson, Fair and Affordable Housing; Robert Coe, Chair Commission on Disabilities; Patricia Haederle, Chair Conservation Commission; Senator Brian Joyce. The following made presentations: Mark Bartlett, P.E. representing the developer; Colleen Corona and John Haederle from the Board of Selectmen; Thomas Stone, Fire Chief; Wayne Southworth, DPW Director; Donald Bennett.

There was a motion to close debate. Moderator Dailey took the vote and declared it 2/3 in favor of closing debate. The following counters were appointed and duly sworn by Town Clerk Janet Linehan: Michael Sites, Melanie Deware, Steve Merlin, Robert Kane, Joshua Jacobs, Walter Mirrione, Owen Shea, Elliot Slom.

Due to the large crowd and people moving around, making it difficult to take a standing count, Moderator Dailey moved as Chair that a Secret Ballot be taken. The boxes were distributed and ballots collected. The ballots were counted by the Election Workers. During the counting of the votes, Town Meeting continued.

ARTICLE 9 TOWN MEETING ACTION: 608 Yes; 254 No – Article passes with a 2/3 vote. *A total of 874 ballots (#3) were cast, 12 of which were invalid (not #3).*

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 9 was made and seconded. ***NOT A VOTE.***

ARTICLE 10. FY 2009 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $61,721,309 to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Colleen Corona moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $61,721,309 of which 57,636,792 shall be raised by taxation, $613,590 shall be transferred from free cash, $250,000 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $105,514 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $40,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account, $35,000 shall be transferred from the Wetlands Protection Fund and $3,040,413 shall be transferred from water receipts, all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2009 as follows:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	TOTAL
01-003	SELECTMEN	289,301
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	180,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,000
01-013	RESERVE FUND	80,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	173,833
01-029	ASSESSORS	217,779
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	281,527
01-039	TOWN CLERK	249,721
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	242,315
01-060	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	298,485
01-101	POLICE	3,696,109
01-103	FIRE	2,669,269
01-104	AMBULANCE	391,014
01-105	FIRE ALARM	21,792
01-113	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	262,114
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	716,751
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,708,764
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	215,409
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	207,654
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	238,296
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	94,700
01-625	LIBRARY	451,465
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,521,360
01-750	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	10,338,205
01-760	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	111,310
61-500	WATER DIVISION	2,492,660
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	30,568,476
	TOTAL FY 2009 BUDGET	61,721,309

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

In the interest of time, no budget presentations were made. Moderator Dailey explained to the voters to say hold for any items needing discussion. No items were held. Donna Lopolito, Finance Committee Chair acknowledged two new members – Kimberly DuBois and Al Benson. Ms. Lopolito made a few brief comments regarding the budget, noting that for the most part, that the department budgets did not increase unless it was contractual.

It was suggested that in the future that budget expenditures be published in the warrant.

ARTICLE 10 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. FY 2009 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $1,903,900 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2009 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

School Department	
Parkview School Boilers, Moreau Hall Carpet Replacement, School Computers, Muscato Stadium Improvements.....	$1,738,000
Police/Fire Department	
Police/Fire Station Gutters, Scott Air Packs	35,900
Data Processing	
Town Computers	30,000
Water Division	
Master Plan Update, Well Redevelopment, Pickup Truck and Van Replacement	100,000
Total	$1,903,900

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,903,900 of which $11,191 shall be transferred from free cash, $118,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus, $24,709 shall be transferred from the Fire Alarm Revolving Fund, $100,000 shall be transferred from water surplus and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $250,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $1,400,000 for improvements to the Valentine Muscato Stadium under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen, together with the School Committee, is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for this project, which amount shall be expended in addition to the amount appropriated by this vote; and that the Board of Selectmen, together with the School Committee, is authorized to accept and utilize any donations of money or in-kind services, which amount shall be expended in addition to the amount appropriated by this vote; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out these projects for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs for the Town of Easton for fiscal year 2009 as follows:

School Department	
Parkview School Boilers, Moreau Hall Carpet Replacement, School Computers, Muscato Stadium Improvements.....	$1,738,000
Police/Fire Department	
Police/Fire Station Gutters, Scott Air Packs	35,900
Data Processing	
Town Computers	30,000

Water Division
Master Plan Update, Well Redevelopment, Pickup Truck
and Van Replacement 100,000

Total $1,903,900

Explanation: This is the annual capital budget for the Town. The School Committee and others will make presentations at town meeting regarding this proposal. Requests submitted to the Capital Planning Committee totaled $3,674,760. The above list is a conservative approach to funding certain high priority requests. Additional funding for capital items will be sought in the fall after free cash has been certified.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended with the addition of a new ambulance and police cruiser for a total budget of $2,133,900, an increase of $230,000 higher than the budgets presented.

Motion to Amend: Donna Lopolito, Finance Committee Chair, moved to amend Article 11 by increasing the amount to be appropriated by $230,000 for the purchase of an ambulance and police cruiser and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Amended Capital Budget:

School Department
Parkview School Boilers, Moreau Hall Carpet Replacement,
School Computers, Muscato Stadium Improvements..... $1,738,000

Police/Fire Department
Police/Fire Station Gutters, Scott Air Packs, Ambulance,
Police Cruiser 265,900

Data Processing
Town Computers 30,000

Water Division
Master Plan Update, Well Redevelopment, Pickup Truck
and Van Replacement 100,000

Total **$2,133,900**

Selectman King stated that the Selectmen voted this evening to recommend the amended motion. ***AMENDMENT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.***

A motion was made to amend Article 11 to remove the synthetic turf from the school section of the capital budget. This amendment was declined by the Moderator as the item is not included in the motion. The question was then moved. Question was moved by a declared 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 11 TOWN MEETING ACTION: MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED ($2,133,900) WAS VOTED.

A motion to RECONSIDER was made and seconded. NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 12. AMEND FY 2008 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from available Community Preservation Funds for the administrative expenses of the Community

Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman John Haederle moved that the Town vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget by appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund annual budgeted reserve the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Reserves	Recommended Amount
Open Space	**$ 47,254**
Community Housing	**$ 47,254**
Historic Resources	**$ 47,254**

Explanation: This article amends the current year's budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Patricia Hunt, Chair of the CPA Committee, will make a presentation at town meeting to further explain this article.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 12 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 13. REPORT AND FY 2009 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2009 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman John Haederle moved that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2009, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

Purpose	Recommended Amount
Appropriations	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	$ 61,250
Debt Service (Open Space Land Acquisition)	107,850
Recreation Playground Project	142,614
WWI Monument Historic Restoration Project	7,500
Reserves	
Open Space	$ 14,650
Community Housing	122,500
Historic Resources	115,000
FY'09 Annual Budgeted Reserve	653,636

Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2009 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Patricia Hunt, Chair of the CPA Committee, will make a presentation at town meeting to further explain this article.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 13 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 14. REPLENISH CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $36,000 from the Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account to the Conservation Fund to replenish funds expended for the development of a Land Management Plan or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Patricia Haederle, Conservation Commission Chair, moved to Dismiss Article 14.

Explanation: A Land Management Plan is an important tool for ensuring the intended goals and purposes for acquiring land are being achieved and that properties are being appropriately maintained to meet those goals.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

ARTICLE 14 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 35 OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 1986 FALL TOWN MEETING TO REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF ANNUAL ADMISSIONS TO BE DONATED BY THE EASTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

To see if the Town will vote to amend its action taken under Article 35 of the Fall Town Meeting of September 15, 1986 as follows: to reduce the percentage of admissions fees donated on an annual basis by The Easton Children's Museum, Inc., to the Town of Easton from 10% to 5%, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved that the Town vote to amend its action taken under Article 35 of the Fall Town Meeting of September 15, 1986 to reduce the percentage of admissions fees donated on an annual basis by The Easton Children's Museum, Inc., to the Town of Easton from 10% to 5%.

Explanation: Article 35 of the September 15, 1986 Special Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to convey to The Easton Children's Museum, Inc., a non-profit organization, the property and buildings located on Sullivan Street at which the Museum currently resides and which is commonly known as the Old Fire Station, for the sum of $1.00.

In consideration of the transfer of the Old Fire Station, the Museum agreed to make an annual donation to the Town in an amount equal to 10% of collected admission fees until a total donation of $100,000.00 to the Town was reached. To date, the Museum has donated a total of $76,895. The passage of this article would allow the Museum to invest the amount saved due to the reduced annual donation to the Town in the ongoing maintenance of the Old Fire Station, and to make additional necessary capital improvements to the Old Fire Station in order to maintain its viability as the residence of the Museum; thus, enabling the Museum to retain it's status as a valuable resource for

the Town's children. Furthermore, following the passage of this Article the Museum will remain committed to making an aggregate donation of $100,000.00 to the Town.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

*A motion was made to **amend** Article 15 to change the words following "to the Town of Easton from 10% to" 0% and to reflect the debt as paid in full. AMENDMENT VOTED.*

ARTICLE 15 TOWN MEETING ACTION: MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED – UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 9 results were announced at this point in time. Motion to RECONSIDER ARTICLE 9 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 16. APPROPRIATION FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of financial accounting software, including training, data conversion and other incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved that the town meeting vote to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 16.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 16 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 17. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: DEFINITION OF FRONTAGE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II, Definitions, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton by deleting the definition of Lot, Frontage in its entirety, and inserting in its place the following definition:

FRONTAGE
The greatest uninterrupted linear or curvilinear distance measured along a front lot line where it is co-linear with the right-of-way of an abutting street or way, such that:

1. Where a single lot abuts a street at more than one location (as with a U-shaped lot) or abuts more than one street (as with a corner lot), the greatest uninterrupted linear or curvilinear measurement of a front lot line along one side of one street shall be considered the frontage.
2. On lots abutting curved streets or cul-de-sacs, the arc length between the side lot lines will be considered the frontage.
3. The ends of streets without a turning circle shall not be considered frontage.

or taken any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved to amend Section II, Definitions, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton by deleting the definition of Lot Frontage in its entirety and inserting in its place, the new definition of Frontage as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: The current definition of frontage offers little guidance in several common scenarios: a lot is on a cul-de-sac, a lot abuts more than one street, or a lot abuts the end

of an unfinished street. This definition reflects the Town's current interpretation of the existing definition for "frontage" in those situations.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 17 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 18. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: DEFINITION OF PARKING SPACE AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STANDARD SIZED PARKING STALL

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II, Definitions, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton by deleting the definition of Parking Space in its entirety, and inserting in its place the following definition:

PARKING SPACE
An off-street space, whether inside or outside a structure for exclusive use as a parking stall for one motor vehicle.

and to amend Section VIII, Off Street Parking and Loading Regulations, Section 8-9 Parking and Loading Space Standards of the Zoning By-Law by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection:

15. When parking areas, parking stalls, and loading areas are subject to Site Plan Approval under section 7-10 of this By-law, applicants shall refer to rules and regulations as may be adopted for that purpose by the Planning & Zoning Board for design and dimensional requirements.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman Colleen Corona moved to amend the Section II, Definitions, of the Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton by deleting the definition of Parking Space in its entirety and inserting in its place the new definition of Parking Space as printed in the Warrant; and to amend Section VIII, Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements, Section 8-9 Parking and Loading Space Standards of the Zoning Bylaw by inserting at the end thereof a new Subsection 15 as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: Explanation: The existing definition for "parking space" limits the applicability of zoning requirements related to parking stalls to those which are larger than 200 square feet in area. Many older parking spaces in town are smaller than that. This definition ensures that lots with older, smaller parking spaces will still be subject to zoning requirements based on the number of parking spaces in a lot, such as lighting, landscaping, and grading requirements. The proposed addition to Section 8-9 of the Zoning By Law allows the Town to enforce the design requirements for parking stalls found in its Site Plan Guidelines. The Site Plan Guidelines currently require parking spaces to be 10' X 20'.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 18 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: REGULATION OF RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL USES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5-3(B) (1) and (2), Table of Use Regulations, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton as follows [deletions in (*parenthesis and italics*) and additions are underlined]:

5-3. Table of Use Regulations

B. Institutional, Recreational, and Educational Uses	R	R 1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
1) Place of Worship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	(*SP*) Y	Y
2) (*Religious, sectarian, non-sectarian, denominational, private or public s*) School, or any other educational facility (see paragraph 7-12)	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y	(*SP*) Y

and to amend Section 7-12 of the Zoning Bylaw as follows (deletions in (*parenthesis and italics*) and additions are underlined):

7-12. Use of Land for Religious and Educational Purposes

The use of land or structures for religious or educational purposes shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk or height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot areas, setbacks, open space, parking and loading requirements, and building coverage requirement as may be adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board. Compliance with such regulations shall be determined by (*special permit procedure as specified in Sub-section 12-7)* the site plan approval procedure as specified in section 7-10 of this By-law.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman Colleen Corona moved to amend Section 5-3(B) (1) and (2), Table of Use Regulations, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton; and Section 7-12, Use of Land for Religious and Educational Purposes, as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: The existing zoning requires that educational and religious land use changes obtain a Special Permit, which is prohibited by M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §3 also known as the "Dover Amendment". The proposed change, recommended by Town Counsel, subjects religious and educational uses of land and structures to site plan review instead, which is allowed under state and federal law. This amendment also adds a title to section 7-12, which is an untitled section of the bylaw.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 19 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 20. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND SECTION

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7-5 C.3, Residential Compound, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton as follows [deletions in (*parenthesis and italics*) and additions are underlined]:

7-5 Residential Compound
C) Eligibility

To qualify for consideration as a Residential Compound, the subdivision must satisfy all of the following conditions:

3. All lots (*so created)* in a Residential Compound shall have ingress and egress to a Private Lane, ownership of and rights to which shall be retained by a homeowners' association.

and to amend Section 7-5, Residential Compound, of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Subsection F.3 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

3. Ownership of a lot in the Residential Compound shall confer automatic membership in a homeowner association responsible for all maintenance of and snow removal from the Private Lane. The homeowners association shall retain ownership of and all rights in the Private Lane.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman Colleen Corona moved to amend Section 7-5 C.3. Residential Compound of the Town of Easton Zoning Bylaw as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: Town Counsel has recommended the above clarification. The existing language in the Residential Compound bylaw has been challenged in court as self-contradictory.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 20 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 21. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: REFERENCE TO SIGN DESIGN STANDARDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X, Signs, of the Zoning By-Law by adding a new subsection as follows:

10-7 Design Standards
Applicants are encouraged to refer to design standards adopted by the Planning & Zoning Board in its rules and regulations for additional guidance in signage design.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman John Haederle moved to amend the Section X, Signs, of the Town of Easton Zoning Bylaw by adding a new subsection 10-7, Design Standards, as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: The Planning & Zoning Board's Site Plan Guidelines additional design guidelines for signs are not referenced in the Zoning By-Law. This amendment would

encourage, although not require, applicants seeking sign permits to follow those additional guidelines.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 21 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 22. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: SITE PLAN APPROVAL SECTION

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7-10, Site Plan Approval, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton by deleting the first paragraph and Subsections A and B thereof in their entirety, and inserting in their place the following:

7-10 Site Plan Approval

A) Applicability

1. Non-Residential Districts
   No commercial, industrial, business, institutional, recreational, or educational use and no apartment, multiple or attached dwellings, municipal or school building, public utility structure, or parking lot, shall be constructed or externally enlarged, and no such use or structure shall be expanded or established in an building not theretofore used for such purposes, except in conformity with a site plan bearing an endorsement of approval by the Planning & Zoning Board.
2) Residential Districts
   No multiple or attached dwellings, school building, parking lot, or public utility structure or and no institutional, recreational, or educational use shall be constructed or externally enlarged, and no such use or structure shall be expanded or established in an building not theretofore used for such purposes, except in conformity with a site plan bearing an endorsement of approval by the Planning & Zoning Board.

B) Application and Site Plan Requirements

1. Site Plan Requirements
   Said site plan shall show: the record owner; location; zone boundary lines; easements, or other legal restrictions; exact location of building(s) on the lot with side, front and rear dimensions; lot dimensions; topography; adjacent public ways; location of off-street parking, lighting, and utility systems; surface drainage; traffic flow; location and nature of open spaces with specific notations as to landscaping; locus plan; and other details as applicable and deemed necessary by the Planning & Zoning Board.
2. Procedure
   Any person desiring approval of a site plan under this Section application packages to the Planning & Zoning Board, the contents, number, and format of which may be required in its rules and regulations. The Planning & Zoning Board will review the application and plans and circulate the application to the Fire and Police Departments, the Building Inspector, the Land Use Agent, Handicap Advisory Committee, and other Boards and Committees and Town Departments, as requested. The Planning & Zoning Board may also require the employment of outside consultants such as may reasonably be required to perform design and engineering review, and may impose fees to charge for such pursuant to M.G.L 44, Section 53G.

3. Criteria for Evaluation.
   The Planning & Zoning Board will review the application and plans and determine whether the application conforms to the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, and, in considering a site plan under this section, shall assure, to a degree consistent with Site Plan Guidelines established under Section 7-10 (G) of this by-law and a reasonable use of the site for the purposes permitted or permissible by the regulations of the district in which located:

1. Protection of adjoining premises against seriously detrimental uses on the site.
2. Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, property, or improvements.
3. Adequacy of the methods of drainage for surface water.
4. Provisions for off-street loading operation of vehicles incidental to the normal operation of the establishment.
5. Traffic and safety provisions to protect the convenience and welfare of the public.
6. Functional design review.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman John Haederle moved to amend Section 7-10 Site Plan Approval of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton by deleting the first paragraph and Subsection A & B thereof in their entirety, and inserting in their place a new Section 7-10 (A) and (B), Site Plan Approval, as printed in the Warrant.

Explanation: The proposed amendment to the first paragraph of section 7-10 through 7-10 (B) is for the sake of clarity and does not substantively alter the Site Plan Approval process, except that new and expanded parking lots in a Residential Zone will be subject to Site Plan review. The proposed amendment to paragraph (B.3) allows the Planning & Zoning Board to enforce the Site Plan Guidelines, previously established under the existing paragraph (G) of section 7-10, Site Plan Approval. This should also clarify to applicants exactly which standards will be used in determining compliance with the bylaw.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 22 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 23. TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 55C AND TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ESTABLISH THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C establishing a trust to be known as The Easton Affordable Housing Trust Fund whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Easton for the benefit of low and moderate income households, and in implementation thereof will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by adding the following as section

CHAPTER 20

THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

20-1. Composition.

There shall be a seven (7) member Board of Trustees (hereinafter the "Board"), one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen can appoint the Town Administrator as a member or chair of the Board with or without the power to vote. All trustees are to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They shall serve for a term of two (2) years, except that four of the initial trustee appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year. In the event of a vacancy, the appointment shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment.

20-2. Organization.

The Board shall annually elect one Trustee who shall serve as the Chairperson and a second Trustee who shall serve as a Clerk.

20-3. Meetings of Trustees.

Meetings of the Board shall be held on a regular basis. A quorum of the Board shall be the majority of the number of authorized Trustees. A trust is a governmental body for purposes of Section 23A, 23B, and 23C of M.G.L. Chapter 39, the Open Meeting Law.

20-4. Powers.

The Board shall have the following powers, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, 55C, except that the purchase, sale, lease, exchange, transfer or conveyance of any interest in real property shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and except that the incurring of any debt, borrowing of any money, granting of mortgage or the pledging of trust assets shall be the subject to the approval of Town Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote:

(1) to accept and receive property, whether real or personal, by gift, grant, devise, or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including without limitation grants of funds or other property tendered to the trust in connection with provisions of any zoning ordinance or bylaw;

(2) to purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;

(3) to sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to the trust property as the board deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;

(4) to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the trust;

(5) to employ advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the board deems necessary;

(6) to pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the board deems advisable;

(7) to apportion receipts and charges between incomes and principal as the board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation or depletion or otherwise;

(8) to participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation or person;

(9) to deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the board may deem proper and to pay, out of the trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation as the board may deem necessary and appropriate.

(10) to carry property for accounting purposes other than acquisition date values;

(11) to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the

board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral;

(12) to make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;

(13) to comprise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this act, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the board may deem appropriate.

(14) to manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the board determined not to be worth retaining;

(15) to hold all or part of the trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the board may deem appropriate;

(16) to extend the time for payment for any obligations to the trust; and

(17) to accept and receive money from Chapter 44B (Community Preservation Act) and from the Town of Easton.

20-5. Funds Paid to the Trust

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all monies paid to the trust in accordance with any zoning by-law, exaction fee, or private contributions shall be paid directly into the trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the trust. General revenues appropriated into the trust become trust property and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the trust at the end of the fiscal year, whether or not expended by the Board within 1 year of the date they were appropriated into the trust, remain trust property.

20-6. Liability

Neither the Trustees nor any agent or officer of the trust shall have the authority to bind the Town, except in the manner specifically authorized herein. The trust is a public employer and the members of the Board are public employees for the purposes of MGL, Chapter 268A. The trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the Trustees special municipal employees, for purposes of MGL, Chapter 268A.

20-7. Taxes

The trust is exempt from MGL Chapters 59 and 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any political subdivision thereof.

20-8. Board of the Town

The Trust is a board of the Town of Easton for the purposes of Chapter 30B and Section 15A of Chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the town shall be exempt from said Chapter 30B.

20-9. Treasurer/Collector as Custodian

The Treasurer/Collector shall be the custodian of the Trust Fund's funds and shall maintain separate accounts and records for such funds. Any income or proceeds received from the investment of funds shall be credited to and become part of the Trust Fund. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, 55C, the books and records of the trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman John Haederle moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 44, 55C and to amend the Code of the Town of Easton to establish the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Fund as printed in your Warrant.

Explanation: An affordable housing trust is an important tool for a community working to create and preserve affordable housing. It serves as a repository for funds approved for housing purposes and is overseen by a board of trustees who ensure that the funds are used as intended. This vehicle can respond quickly to market opportunities for land acquisition or building purchase. The trust can also accept the receipt of Community Preservation Act Funds. The intended beneficiaries of the trust are members of low and moderate income households. Low and moderate income means gross household income adjusted for family size that is at or below eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income. Based upon 2007 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Easton Median Income is $ 93,200. Basic structural elements of the Trust follow.

I. Board of Trustees:

a. A member of the Board of Selectmen serves on the Trust. The Board may appoint the Town Administrator as a member or Chair, with or without the power to vote.
b. Town Administrator recommends Trustee membership to the Board of Selectmen.
c. Board of Selectmen votes on recommendations to appoint.
d. There shall be a total of seven (7) members.
e. Two year terms, with the exception of four initial trustees appointed for a one-year term.

II. Power of Trustees:

a. Receive, purchase, and convey real or personal property, exchange deeds, contracts and various other legal documents in connection with the Trust's activities; borrow money; make distributions or divisions of principal in kind; and manage or improve real property when the Trustees deem advisable.
b. Final decision-making authority on the awards from the Trust Fund rests with the Board of Selectmen.
c. Town Meeting approval required to borrow money, pledge trust assets and grant mortgages (2/3 vote).

III. Typical Responsibilities of Board of Trustees:

a. Set Trust Fund Policies and Regulations.
b. Recommend guidelines as to how funds are to be distributed and spent to the Board of Selectmen.
c. Review applications and recommend awards.
d. Advise the Town, groups and agencies on housing priorities.
e. Monitor and evaluate the Fund activities.
f. Lobby for housing initiatives.
g. Seek additional funding for the Trust.
h. Prepare the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan and Report.

IV. Composition of Board of Trustees:

a. In addition to the required member of the Board of Selectmen, it is recommended that the Town Administrator be a member of the Board of Trustees. In addition, it is suggested that the Board of Selectmen seek individuals with the following housing interests and/or expertise to fill the remaining five (5) seats on the Board of Trustees.

1. Member, representing Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership.
2. Member, representing Planning & Zoning Board
3. Member, representing Community Preservation Committee
4. Member, representing the Housing Authority
5. Real Estate Attorney
6. Real Estate Finance

7. Construction Management
8. Member, representing the Finance Committee

V. Potential Sources of Revenue:

a. Community Preservation Committee Funding.
b. Private cash contributions designated for the Trust Fund.
c. Principal and interest from any Trust Fund loan repayments, etc.
f. Proceeds from the sale of surplus town land.
g. State & Federal housing funds.
h. Private Foundations.
i. Court Settlement

VI. Distribution of Funds:

a. No disbursements may be made from the Trust Fund Account without the prior recommendation of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees and authorization by the Board of Selectmen.

VII. Typical Activities Eligible for Funding:

a. New construction to assist low and moderate income families.
b. Matching funds for new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of housing units to assist low and moderate income families.
c. Acquisition and rehabilitation of housing units for the purpose of preservation of housing to assist low and moderate income families.

VIII. Administering Entity:

Town of Easton Department of Planning and Community Development shall be the administrative entity for the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation:
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended with the following change to the "basic structural elements of the Trust", item IV.a.
8. Member, representing Finance Committee
Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

Robert Hicks questioned the authority given under Section 20-4 (11) regarding borrowing. It was determined that in the main paragraph under 20-4 borrowing is subject to the approval of Town meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE 23 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. ACCEPT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 43D OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43D as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of the following parcel of land on Foundry Street as a Priority Development Site

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size
44U-52	560 Foundry Street	12.16 acres

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town of Easton vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 43D as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of 560 Foundry Street as a Priority Development Site.

Explanation: The 43D Expedited Permit Law allows communities within the Commonwealth to designate a parcel of land zoned for commercial or industrial development to be eligible for expedited local permitting. The proposed Priority Development Site is the underutilized Belcher Foundry. Expedited permitting means that the Town will grant an applicant their required local permits within six (6) months. They would still need all required local permits and are not exempt from any of them. This is essentially the existing standard time frame for permitting and the receipt of local permits in Easton. The six (6) month time frame does not apply to any state or federal permit. In exchange for issuing permits in a timely manner, the State may provide the community with up to $100,000 in technical assistance funds to further the purpose of expedited permitting. For example, the funds could be used to establish a consolidated application system and to implement technology improvements to facilitate better communication to the public and among Town boards, commissions and departments. A consultant could be retained, for example, to master plan the priority development site or conduct the site-specific infrastructure assessments. This award would be subject to the submission of an appropriate application to the State and availability of funding. The provisions of Chapter 43 D would not go into effect until an application is approved by the Interagency Permitting Board and the Board of Selectmen have also approved. The vote of Town Meeting would only authorize the submission of an application.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 24 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 25. CENTRAL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PERMANENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of Central Street from the following parcels as depicted on a plan prepared by Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. entitled "Plan of Land in Easton Massachusetts" showing locations of easements taken by the Town of Easton, Scale 1" = 50', Dated March 7, 2008, said plan being available for review in the Office of the Department of Public Works, and further to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund said acquisitions.

Location	Parcel No.	Value of Taking
73 Central Street	*P-1	$ 3,400.00
121 Central Street	*P-2	$ 900.00

NOTE: *P – denotes permanent easement
Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Department of Public Works

Selectman Chuck King moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of Central Street from the following parcels as depicted on a plan prepared by Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. entitled "Plan of Land in Easton Massachusetts" showing locations of easements taken by the Town of Easton, Scale 1" = 50', Dated March 7, 2008, said plan being available for review in the Office of the Department of Public Works, and further to appropriate the sum of $4,300 from available Chapter 90 funds for said acquisitions.

Explanation: These permanent easements on Central Street are needed to facilitate a new sidewalk from approximately Water Street to the Depot Street intersection as part of the Central Street Reconstruction Project.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 25 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 26. AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: SECTION 7-14

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7-14 of the Zoning By-Law by deleting Subsection E.6 in its entirety (deletion is shown in (*parenthesis and italics*):

7-14 Adult Retirement Development

E) Site Development Standards:

6. (The hydrants and all water mains within the private right of way shall be owned by the Town of Easton so that they may service and maintain their property.)

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman Chuck King moved to amend the Section 7-14 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton by deleting Subsection E.6 in its entirety

Explanation: The Water Division has recommended the above proposed amendment. The Adult Retirement Development section of the Zoning By-Law is the only place in the zoning code that references water mains at all. Typically, ownership of the water main is retained by whomever retains ownership of the road. This change will make the ARD section of the zoning code consistent with Water Division policy, and with the rest of the Zoning By-Law.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 26 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 27. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State's FY 2009 Chapter 90 apportionment the sum of $548,780.00 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State's FY 2009 Chapter 90 apportionment the sum of $548,780 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds.

Explanation: This is the Town's annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 27 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

*Articles 28, 29 and 30 were all moved and **VOTED** under one motion to accept as printed in the Warrant.*

ARTICLE 28. STREET ACCEPTANCE: OLDE STABLE LANE

Article: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named Street or way, "Olde Stable Lane" as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 8+02, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As-Built & Street Acceptance Plan-Olde Stable Lane" in Easton, Massachusetts prepared for Robert L. Jr., Katherine M. Taylor, Scale 1"~40' dated March 2, 2004 by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., Professional Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, 302 Broadway, Unit #4-Raynham, Massachusetts 02767, as approved by the Planning Board on June 13, 1984 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 211, Pages 56-57 and on August 10, 2000 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 382, Pages 21-27 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Olde Stable Lane or to take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved to accept Olde Stable Lane as a Public Way from Station 0+00 to Station 8+02 as shown on a plan of land entitled "As-Built & Street Acceptance Plan-Olde Stable Lane" in Easton, Massachusetts prepared for Robert L. Jr., and Katherine M. Taylor, dated March 2, 2004 by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on June 13, 1984 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 211, Pages 56-57, and Plan Book 382, Pages 21-27. The acceptance of said Street or Way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "Street As-Built and Acceptance Plan and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment of all fees with the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty days prior to Town Meeting. The owner will be responsible for recording the plan and legal instruments at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a Public Way.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 28 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 29. STREET ACCEPTANCE: BLUE HERON LANE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, BLUE HERON LANE as a public way, pursuant to MGL c.82, from station 0+00 to station 4+24.93, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Blue Heron Run" Definitive Residential Subdivision Plan off Bay Road Easton, Massachusetts prepared by G.A.F. Engineering, mc, dated January 29, 2004, revised April 26, 2004, revised May 20, 2004 as approved by the Planning Board on May 12, 2004 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 429, Page 15 and in Plan Book 429, Page 26-31 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 § 3 and 14th accept the deed of a fee interest in said Blue Heron Lane or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Selectman Irwin Cohen moved to accept Blue Heron Run as a Public Way from Station 0+00 to Station 4+24.93, as shown on a plan entitled "Blue Heron Run" Definitive Subdivision Plan off Bay Road Easton, Massachusetts prepared by G.A.F. Engineering, dated January 29, 2004, revised April 26, 2004, revised May 20, 2004, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 12, 2004 and recorded with

the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 429, Page 15 and Plan Book 429, Pages 26-31. The acceptance of said Street or Way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "Street As-Built and Acceptance Plan" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment of all fees with the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty days prior to the Town Meeting. The owner will be responsible for recording the plan and legal instruments at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a Public Way.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 29 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 30. STREET ACCEPTANCE: JUSTIN DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, JUSTIN DRIVE, as a public way, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 6+60 as shown on a plan entitled "Country Club Estates" Definitive Subdivision of Land in Easton, Massachusetts owned by Oakes Realty Trust, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., 140 School Street, Brockton, MA, dated April 1, 1983, revised June 13, 1983, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 17, 1983 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 204, Page 45; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Sections 3 & 14 as shown on the previously referenced plan and to further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Sections 3 & 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in Justin Drive, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved to accept Justin Drive as a public way from Station 0+00 to Station 6+60 as shown on a plan entitled "Country Club Estates", Definitive Subdivision of Land in Easton, Massachusetts owned by Oakes Realty Trust, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., 140 School Street, Brockton, MA, dated April 1, 1983, revised June 13, 1983, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 17, 1983 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 204, Page 45. The Board of Selectmen are also authorized to accept easements and the deed of a fee interest in Justin Drive.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and is ready to be accepted as a public way.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 30 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 31. HOME RULE PETITION GRANTING A SPECIAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE TO STONEHILL COLLEGE

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Legislature for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following proposed Special Legislation:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSE IN THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 12 or 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any general or special law to the contrary, the Licensing Authority of the Town of Easton may grant a special license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under Section 12 of said Chapter 138: said premises to be the dining rooms and other gathering and function rooms and areas of Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, Massachusetts, as deemed reasonable and proper by the local licensing authority. The license shall not be transferable off the premises and shall be subject to all of said Chapter 138, except said Chapters 12 and 17.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to submit to the Legislature for enactment, special legislation authorizing the issuance of a special license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under Section 12 of Chapter 138 to Stonehill College, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Stonehill College is requesting that the Town consider the issuance of a special liquor license to cover the College's campus. Currently the College is issued a license that covers only one building on campus. The College utilizes its facilities year round for both indoor and outdoor events. Currently the Town must issue a one-day license liquor license each and every time the College utilizes a building other than the one building covered by the existing license. The warrant article proposes that the Town seek a special license through the legislative process. This will allow the Town to issue a license to the College to cover multiple buildings without exhausting the limited number of licenses it has available for other businesses and organizations in the Town. The issuance of this license, will allow the College to continue to accommodate events on its campus, while decreasing the administrative burden placed on the Town."

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

ARTICLE 31 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 32. TRENCH SAFETY

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82A, §2, to designate the Board of Selectmen as the means by which the Town shall designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82A, §4 and 520 CMR 14.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82A, §2, that the Town designate the Board of Selectmen as the means by which the Town shall designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82A, §4 and 520 CMR 14.00.

Explanation: This is a new state regulation that has been imposed on all municipalities effective January 1, 2009. The purpose is to provide safety to the public.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

ARTICLE 32 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 33. REVALUATION MONEY FOR ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY 2010 State Certified Revaluation including annual interim updates, cyclical inspections or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors

Selectman Colleen Corona moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $50,000 from overlay surplus to pay for expenses related to the FY 2010 State Certified Revaluation as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Department of Revenue now requires an annual updating of property values, known as "interim updates" as well as the regular state certification of values that is done every three years. The state certification is scheduled for FY2010 but the work has to be done during FY2009 and this requires contracts with Vision Appraisal and RRC. These companies provide the software and updates for the real estate and personal property systems. The Town has to show the Department of Revenue that it has a plan to update both residential, commercial/industrial and personal property and has also appropriated sufficient money to accomplish this plan.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 33 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 34. FUND SICK-LEAVE/VACATION BUYBACKS FOR TOWN CLERK AND ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring or otherwise separating from Town service, as well as other costs required to be paid at separation by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Colleen Corona moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the FY 2008 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget the sum of $64,392 to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring or otherwise separating from Town service, as well as other costs required to be paid at separation by collective bargaining contract or by-law.

Explanation: This article funds contractual obligations due to two long-term employees retiring as of June 30, 2008.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 34 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 35. FISCAL YEAR 2009 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $834,000, for the purpose of funding the fiscal year 2009 Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Enterprise Fund operating budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Colleen Corona moved that the Town vote to appropriate from annual user fees the sum of $834,000 for the purpose of funding the fiscal year 2009 Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Enterprise Fund operating budget.

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the single-vendor trash program in town.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 35 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

At 10:46 p.m. it was VOTED TO DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting. Total Voters present - 989.

A true record. Attest: , CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 36.
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Olmsted Richardson School Gymnasium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of May the year Two Thousand Eight.

Colleen A. Corona, Chair
Charles P. King
Irwin M. Cohen
Ellen Barlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass. May 9, 2008
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest: , CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote Primaries to vote at

Precincts 1, 2, 4 –	Oliver Ames High School, Lothrop Street
Precincts 3, 6 –	Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry St
Precinct 5 –	Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road

on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	NINTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	FOURTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	TENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	BRISTOL COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS	BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT
COUNTY TREASURER	BRISTOL COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2008.
(Month)

_____ _____

_____ _____

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Selectmen of: Easton

Bristol, SS. Easton, Mass. _____

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

A True Copy Attest

_____
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

_____
Jeremy P Gillis
Town Clerk of Easton

Warrant must be posted by **SEPTEMBER 9, 2008,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **September 16, 2008 State Primary**.

STATE PRIMARY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS

Registered Voters: 14,326 Percentage:

The number of ballots cast:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party							0
Republican Party							0
Libertarian Party							0
Green-Rainbow Party							0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The result of the Primary election was:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
John Kerry	56	157	71	111	153	106	654	
Edward O'Reilly	36	52	48	69	82	56	343	
All Others	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Blanks	0	2	0	1	3	1	7	
Total	92	211	119	181	239	163	1005	
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Stephen F. Lynch	71	156	103	135	171	120	756	D
All Others	1	3	1	2	5	3	15	D
Blanks	20	52	15	44	63	40	234	D
Total	92	211	119	181	239	163	1005	D
COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts 1								
Christopher A. Iannella	37	78					115	D
Stephen F. Flynn	20	48					68	D
Robert Toomey, Jr.	17	42					59	
All Others	1	0					1	D
Blanks	17	43					60	D
Total	92	211					303	D
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts 3								
Kelly A. Timilty			71	92	137	100	400	D
Robert Jubinville			34	57	62	33	186	
All Others			0	0	0	0	0	D
Blanks			14	32	40	30	116	D
Total			119	181	239	163	702	D
STATE SENATOR (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRI(								
Brian A. Joyce			99	137	173	117	526	D
All Others			0	1	1	0	2	D
Blanks			20	43	65	46	174	D
Total			119	181	239	163	702	D
STATE SENATOR (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRI(								
Thomas Kennedy	65	148					65	D

All Others	1	2	[redacted]				1	D
Blanks	26	61					26	D
Total	92	211					92	D

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DIS

David L.Flynn	[redacted]					103	103	D
Write-In Jane McLaughlin							0	D
All Others						1	0	D
Blanks						59	59	D
Total						163	162	D

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DI

Christine E. Canavan	[redacted]		94	[redacted]			94	D
All Others			1				1	D
Blanks			24				24	D
Total			119				119	D

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRIC

Geraldine Creedon	60	154	[redacted]	132	154	60	560	D
All Others	2	4		1	1	1	9	D
Blanks	30	53		48	84	30	245	D
Total	92	211		181	239	91	814	D

REGISTER OF PROBATE

John DeJesus	7	15	14	7	20	14	77
David Dennis	8	13	13	12	20	12	78
Gina DeRossi	33	105	52	69	97	69	425
John O'Neil	19	33	19	45	32	33	181
Write in's	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Blanks	24	44	21	48	69	35	241
Total	92	211	119	181	239	163	1005

REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN D

Barry Amaral	55	136	83	120	138	98	630	D
All Others	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	D
Blanks	36	75	36	60	100	65	372	D
Total	92	211	119	181	239	163	1005	D

COUNTY TREASURER

Kevin Finnerty	54	137	85	121	141	98	636	D
All Others	1	1	0	1	2	0	5	D
Blanks	37	73	34	59	96	65	364	D
Total	92	211	119	181	239	163	1005	D

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUN

Christopher T. Saunders	47	120	71	93	124	82	537	D
Paul B. Kitchen	35	92	61	83	97	70	438	D
All Others	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	D
Blanks	99	209	106	184	257	174	1029	D
Total	184	422	238	362	478	326	2010	D

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
Jeffrey Beatty	13	32	23	32	41	31	172	R
All Others	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	R
Blanks	0	0	2	2	1	0	5	R
Total	14	32	26	34	43	31	180	R
COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts 1								
All Others		5	[redacted]				5	R
Blanks	14	27					41	R
Total	14	32					46	R
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts 3								
Write-in	[redacted]						0	R
Write-In		3	4	7	6		20	R
All Others							0	R
Blanks		23	30	36	25		114	R
Total		26	34	43	31		134	R
STATE SENATOR (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRI(								
Write-In -	[redacted]	1		8	7		16	R
Write-In -							0	R
All Others							0	R
Blanks		25		35	24		84	R
Total		26	0	43	31		100	R
STATE SENATOR (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRI(								
All Others	1	4	[redacted]				5	R
Blanks	13	28					41	R
Total	14	32					46	R
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DIS'								
All Others	[redacted]					8	8	R
Blanks						23	23	R
Total						31	31	R
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DI:								
All Others	[redacted]		1	[redacted]			1	R
Blanks							0	R
Total			1				1	R
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRIC'								
All Others	0	4	[redacted]		6	[redacted]	10	R
Blanks	14	28			37		79	R
Total	14	32		0	43		89	R
REGISTER OF PROBATE								
Robert Heroux	12	28	19	29	40	26		
All Others	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	R
Blanks	2	4	6	5	2	5	24	R
Total	14	32	26	34	43	31	180	R

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Write-In -	0	5	3		9	4	21	R
All Others				4			4	R
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COUNTY TREASURER								
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All Others				3			3	R
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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS								
All Others	0	8	3	8	9	10	38	R
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All Others	0	6	2	3	8	2	21	R
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Total	28	64	52	68	86	62	360	R

WORKING FAMILIES

SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
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Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L
REP IN CONGRESS 9TH								
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COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts 3								
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COUNTY TREASURER

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

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Total	1	1	

REP IN CONGRESS 9TH

Write-In	0	0	G-R
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Total	1	1	G-R

COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts 1

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Total	0	0		0	G-R

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts 3

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Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	G-R
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Write-In	0	0			0		0	G-R
Blanks	0	0			1		1	G-R
Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	G-R
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUN								
Write-In	0	0			0		0	G-R
Blanks	0	0			2		2	G-R
Total	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	G-R

A true record. Attes

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SAMPLE WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

Precincts 1, 2, 4 – Oliver Ames High School, Lothrop Street
Precincts 3, 6 – Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry St
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:
To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . .STATEWIDE
SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . .FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . . . . . .NINTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . .FOURTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . .SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . .TENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS . . . . . .BRISTOL COUNTY

VACANCIES:

REGISTER OF DEEDS. . . . . BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT ONLY
CLERK OF COURTS . . . . . PLYMOUTH COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of $100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same $100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as $1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannibinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than $20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2008.

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Selectmen of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. October,_____, 2008
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

_____ _____

Jeremy P Gillis , Town Clerk

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

Warrant must be posted by **October 28, 2008,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 4, 2008**, State Election).

OFFICE									
PRESIDENT	**Baldwin & Castle**	**Barr & Root**	**McCain &Palin**	**McKinney& Clemente**	**Nader &Gonzalez**	**Obama & Biden**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**TOTAL**
Precinct 1	1	6	643	1	10	665	5	9	1340
Precinct 2	3	16	1039	4	13	1124	16	15	2230
Precinct 3	0	9	879	1	10	1058	19	9	1985
Precinct 4	2	6	1009	4	14	1009	10	16	2070
Precinct 5	2	5	1052	2	23	1192	11	6	2293
Precinct 6	1	4	1022	1	10	1030	5	9	2082
TOTAL	9	46	5644	13	80	6078	66	9	12000

SENATOR	**John F Kerry**	**Jefferey K. Beatty**	**Robert J. Underwood**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**TOTAL**
Precinct 1	715	547	36	40	2	1340
Precinct 2	1240	867	52	67	4	2230
Precinct 3	1120	712	65	86	2	1985
Precinct 4	1103	840	52	73	2	2070
Precinct 5	1298	867	47	79	2	2293
Precinct 6	1116	834	53	79	0	2082
TOTAL	6592	4667	305	424	12	12000

Rep in Congress 9th	**Stephen F Lynch**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**
Precinct 1	959	360	21	1340
Precinct 2	1598	615	17	2230
Precinct 3	1491	472	22	1985
Precinct 4	1480	564	26	2070
Precinct 5	1662	609	22	2293
Precinct 6	1505	554	23	2082
TOTAL	8695	3174	131	12000

COUNCILLOR 4TH	**Christopher Iannella**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**
Precinct 1	836	490	14	1340
Precinct 2	1422	796	12	2230
Precinct 3				
Precinct 4				
Precinct 5				
Precinct 6				
TOTAL	2258	1286	26	3570

COUNCILLOR 2ND	**Kelly A. Timilty**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**
Precinct 1				
Precinct 2				
Precinct 3	1366	598	21	1985
Precinct 4	1290	758	22	2070
Precinct 5	1492	785	16	2293
Precinct 6	1368	698	16	2082
TOTAL	5516	2839	75	8430

State Senator 2nd Plymouth&Br	Thomas P Kennedy	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	895	434	11	1340
Precinct 2	1529	692	9	2230
Precinct 3				
Precinct 4				
Precinct 5				
Precinct 6				
TOTAL	2424	1126	20	3570

State Senator Norfolk,Bristol & P	Brian A. Joyce	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1				
Precinct 2				
Precinct 3	1408	554	23	1985
Precinct 4	1403	644	23	2070
Precinct 5	1587	689	17	2293
Precinct 6	1434	630	18	2082
TOTAL	5832	2517	81	8430

State Representative 11th Plymo	Geraldine Creedon	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	872	455	13	1340
Precinct 2	1518	701	11	2230
Precinct 3				
Precinct 4	1349	704	17	2070
Precinct 5	1486	792	15	2293
Precinct 6				
TOTAL	5225	2652	56	7933

State Representative 10th Plymo	Christine Canavan	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1				
Precinct 2				
Precinct 3	1342	624	19	1985
Precinct 4				
Precinct 5				
Precinct 6				
TOTAL	1342	624	19	1985

State Representative 8th Plymou	David Flynn	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1				
Precinct 2				
Precinct 3				
Precinct 4				
Precinct 5				
Precinct 6	1316	752	14	2082
TOTAL	1316	752	14	2082

Register of Probate	Gina DeRossi	Robert Heroux	Roy Santos	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	555	464	59	262	0	1340
Precinct 2	948	737	116	427	2	2230
Precinct 3	881	650	103	348	3	1985
Precinct 4	800	718	117	429	6	2070
Precinct 5	986	730	115	461	1	2293
Precinct 6	824	740	110	403	5	2082
TOTAL	4994	4039	620	2330	17	12000

County Treasurer	Kevin Finnerty	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	800	530	10	1340
Precinct 2	1391	828	11	2230
Precinct 3	1308	659	18	1985
Precinct 4	1226	830	14	2070
Precinct 5	1399	881	13	2293
Precinct 6	1289	780	13	2082
TOTAL	7413	4508	79	12000

County Commissioner (Vote for	Christopher Saunders	Paul Kitchen	Gregory DeMelo	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	578	304	266	1531	1	2680
Precinct 2	997	507	421	2527	8	4460
Precinct 3	905	455	352	2247	11	3970
Precinct 4	879	437	389	2422	13	4140
Precinct 5	1024	497	423	2639	3	4586
Precinct 6	887	432	437	2401	7	4164
TOTAL	5270	2632	2288	13767	43	24000

Register of Deeds	Barry Amaral	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	806	527	7	1340
Precinct 2	1404	818	8	2230
Precinct 3	1324	646	15	1985
Precinct 4	1231	827	12	2070
Precinct 5	1411	872	10	2293
Precinct 6	1305	765	12	2082
TOTAL	7481	4455	64	12000

Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	Joseph Dutcher	Blanks	Write Ins	Total
Precinct 1	760	576	4	1340
Precinct 2	1291	931	8	2230
Precinct 3	1256	722	7	1985
Precinct 4	1149	914	7	2070
Precinct 5	1309	981	3	2293
Precinct 6	1248	829	5	2082
TOTAL	7013	4953	34	12000

Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	Daniel Iagatta III	Blanks	Write Ins	Total

Precinct 1	745	592	3	1340						
Precinct 2	1259	964	7	2230						
Precinct 3	1206	774	5	1985						
Precinct 4	1128	934	8	2070						
Precinct 5	1282	1008	3	2293						
Precinct 6	1208	869	5	2082						
TOTAL	6828	5141	31	12000						
Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	**William Flannery**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**						
Precinct 1	744	593	3	1340						
Precinct 2	1257	966	7	2230						
Precinct 3	1222	760	3	1985						
Precinct 4	1127	935	8	2070						
Precinct 5	1283	1006	4	2293						
Precinct 6	1216	859	7	2082						
TOTAL	6849	5119	32	12000						
Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	**Christopher DeLeo**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**						
Precinct 1	735	602	2	1339						
Precinct 2	1243	981	6	2230						
Precinct 3	1205	776	4	1985						
Precinct 4	1115	948	7	2070						
Precinct 5	1254	1033	6	2293						
Precinct 6	1198	879	5	2082						
TOTAL	6750	5219	30	11999						
Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	**Mindy Kemper**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**						
Precinct 1	729	609	2	1340						
Precinct 2	1239	984	7	2230						
Precinct 3	1202	779	4	1985						
Precinct 4	1100	958	12	2070						
Precinct 5	1250	1037	6	2293						
Precinct 6	1198	879	5	2082						
TOTAL	6718	5246	36	12000						
Reg Voc-Tech SC Southeastern	**Roberta Harback**	**Blanks**	**Write Ins**	**Total**						
Precinct 1	733	603	4	1340						
Precinct 2	1232	990	8	2230						
Precinct 3	1203	776	6	1985						
Precinct 4	1115	949	6	2070						
Precinct 5	1254	1036	3	2293						
Precinct 6	1193	883	6	2082						
TOTAL	6730	5237	33	12000						
QUESTION 1- INCOME TAX	**YES**	**NO**	**BLANKS**	**TOTAL**						
Precinct 1	504	810	26	1340						

Precinct 2	679	1504	47	2230
Precinct 3	641	1307	37	1985
Precinct 4	683	1338	49	2070
Precinct 5	768	1483	42	2293
Precinct 6	711	1351	20	2082
TOTAL	3986	7793	221	12000

QUESTION 2- MARIJUANA	YES	NO	BLANKS	TOTAL
Precinct 1	831	482	27	1340
Precinct 2	1301	880	49	2230
Precinct 3	1192	758	35	1985
Precinct 4	1255	764	51	2070
Precinct 5	1410	837	46	2293
Precinct 6	1301	755	26	2082
TOTAL	7290	4476	234	12000

QUESTION 2- DOGS	YES	NO	BLANKS	TOTAL
Precinct 1	459	849	32	1340
Precinct 2	827	1348	55	2230
Precinct 3	624	1324	37	1985
Precinct 4	740	1284	46	2070
Precinct 5	817	1421	55	2293
Precinct 6	703	1339	40	2082
TOTAL	4170	7565	265	12000

TOTAL VOTES CAST	VOTES
Precinct 1	1340
Precinct 2	2230
Precinct 3	1985
Precinct 4	2070
Precinct 5	2293
Precinct 6	2082
TOTAL	12000

total voters 15133	79% turnout

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: 11/17/2008
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7 PM

A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, MODERATOR DAILY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:08 PM.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIUALS WERE VOTED IN BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF TOWN MEETING:
DEPARTMENT *HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting)David A. Colton, Town Administrator; Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk;Robert Alford, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Teresa DeSilva, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Director, Director of Planning & Community Development; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Operations Manager, Water Division; Maurice Goulet, Operations Manager, DPW; Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager;, Madeline Holt Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Alice Savage, Staff Planner; Stephanie Danielson, Land Use Agent.*
OTHERS: Ellen Callahan Doucette, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; MEDIA: Enterprise: Vicki Downing, Susan Toler; Easton Journal: Mike Melanson; Media One: Kristin Reaney, Wayne Hadley. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Brian Joyce.

Senator Joyce spoke briefly on the upcoming State budget Process.

ARTICLE 1. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $250,000, or some other sum, greater or lesser, to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Colleen Corona

Motion: I move to appropriate by transfer the sum of $500,000 to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, said transfer to be funded by free cash in the amount of $264,250 and MTBE settlement funds received in the amount of $235,750.

Explanation: The original proposed transfer of $250,000 would replenish funds appropriated from the Stabilization Fund at the annual town meeting last May. However, the Town recently received MTBE settlement funds in the amount of $235,750, which present a rare opportunity to further increase the Stabilization Fund balance to $2,848,620. Additional use of free cash will increase the total transfer to an even $500,000.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Moved and seconded

Disposition: unanimous

ARTICLE 2. AMEND ARTICLE III OF THE TOWN CODE – OFFICE HOURS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 1, Article III, § 1-3 of the Code of the Town of Easton by adding at the end thereof the following sentence, "The above notwithstanding the Board of Selectmen may vote to implement a four day work week so long as the total number of hours the Town Office is open during a work week is not less, in the aggregate, than provided above."

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Colleen Corona

Motion: I move to approve Article 2 as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town is considering the implementation of a four day work week as a cost and energy saving measure. The final configuration of hours may change by eliminating the current four hour work day on Friday and adding one hour to each of the remaining week days. Before making a final recommendation to the Board of Selectmen the Town Administrator and Department Heads will evaluate the proposal's impact on energy consumption in the Town Office Building, the carbon footprint reduction from the closure of the building as well as from commuting employees, the effect on operational concerns such as efficiency, interface with other departments, and overtime, and the impact any change would have on the public's ability to access town services. Any change would be subject to discussions with the labor unions involved.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Moved and seconded

Disposition: voted

ARTICLE 3. DESIGN FUNDS FOR FROTHINGHAM HALL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $80,000 for preparation of final designs, plans and specifications and other related expenses for Frothingham Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: John Haederle

Motion: I move to appropriate the sum of $80,000 for preparation of final designs, plans and specifications and other related expenses for Frothingham Hall and that to meet this appropriation $48,000 be transferred from account 01-003-15-6199 voted pursuant to Article 4 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting, $2,356 be transferred from account 01-003-15-6200 voted pursuant to Article 5 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting, $1,313 be transferred from account 01-103-15-6187 voted pursuant to Article 23 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, $10,000 be transferred from account 01-025-15-6169 voted pursuant to Article 11 of the February 8, 2007 Special Town Meeting, $9,825 be transferred from account 01-003-15-6145 voted pursuant to Article 3 of the September 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting and $8,506 be transferred from account 01-003-15-6146 voted pursuant to Article 5 of the September 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting.

Explanation: Last fall Town Meeting appropriated $785,000 to purchase Frothingham Hall. The final purchase price was $737,000 leaving a balance of $48,000. This plus some other small surplus article balance are being combined to provide funding for the design of a renovation project. The cost of renovation, not including allowances for in-kind services of the Southeastern Regional School, Town Departments, and volunteers is estimated based on conceptual design at $785,000. We expect that significant portions of the work will be done with in-kind and volunteer help however the design budget must be based on the total value of the work being contemplated, not the ultimate cost.

This appropriation will allow us to hire, working with the Municipal Building Committee, a qualified architectural firm to take the project through a design process leading to plans, specifications and the appropriate bidding. The process of hiring the architect will be done in full compliance with the public building designer selection laws currently in force in Massachusetts.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Moved and seconded

Table: moved and seconded

Disposition: motion is lost

Main Motion:
Disposition: Voted

ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the a sum $177,150 for the purchase and installation of financial accounting software, including training, data conversion and other incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: John Haederle

Motion: I move to appropriate the sum of $177,150 for the purchase and installation of financial accounting software, including training, data conversion and other incidental costs and that to meet this appropriation $150,000 be transferred from free cash and $27,150 be transferred from water surplus.

Explanation: The school department has been sharing financial accounting software with the Southeastern Regional School for a number of years. However, as of June 30, 2009, the regional school will be changing over to new software that will not include Easton and the school department will need to replace its current system. The Town has been using the same in-house financial accounting software for more than 15 years. Although updates have been made during this time, the system is maintained by one individual and has reached a point where it needs to be replaced to keep pace with the financial reporting needs of the Town. The new software will offer greater functionality and reporting capabilities and will enable the Town and School departments to operate on one system. Annual maintenance costs will also be greatly reduced and the realized savings will exceed the initial investment within four years.

Moved and seconded.
Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Disposition: unanimous vote

ARTICLE 5. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2009 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Charles King

Motion: I move to appropriate by transfer from the FY 2009 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget the sum of $43,696 to supplement the following fiscal year 2009 budgets:

Selectmen	**$ 1,865**
Accountant	**8,755**
Town Collector/Treasurer	**8,175**
Planning & Community Development	**4,975**
Police	**4,454**
Fire	**5,000**
Inspectional Services	**4,282**
Board of Health	**2,786**
Council on Aging	**3,404**
Total	**$43,696**

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allocate funds from the reserve for salary increase line-items set aside in the FY09 Employee Benefits and Insurance budget for the clerical union and nonunion employees. The clerical union contract was settled last fiscal year shortly before the annual town meeting, but the FY09 allocation did not occur. The nonunion employees were granted a cost of living adjustment for FY08 subsequent to annual town meeting. This "housekeeping" article will transfer funds accordingly

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Moved and seconded
Disposition: unanimous vote

ARTICLE 6. FUND CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE UNION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with members of the UNITED STEELWORKERS AFL-CIO, CLC, LOCAL 16031 UNIT – SUPERVISORY for fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Charles King

Motion: I move to appropriate by transfer from the FY 2009 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget the sum of $19,298 to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with members of the UNITED STEELWORKERS AFL-CIO, CLC, LOCAL 16031 UNIT – SUPERVISORY for fiscal year 2009; said funds to be allocated to the following fiscal year 2009 budgets:

Data Processing	**$ 4,897**
Planning & Community Development	**3,184**
Police	**1,338**
Inspectional Services	**4,740**
Board of Health	**2,163**
Veterans Department	**1,472**
Recreation Department	**1,504**
Total	**$19,298**

Explanation: The agreement covers the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 and provides an effective 2.75% cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2009 and 3% in each of the remaining years of the contract.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Made and seconded
Disposition: Unanimous vote

ARTICLE 7. PURCHASE OF LAND ON CENTER STREET

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, §14 to purchase for aquifer protection purposes, by quitclaim deed, a good and marketable title to the property owned by Deborah A. Faria, consisting of 1.989 acres of land, more or less, together with an access and drainage easement and improvements thereon and thereunder shown on a plan entitled "Survey and Division of Land located at 160 Center Street Easton, MA Surveyed for the Town of Easton by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc. 301 West Center Street, West Bridgewater, Ma Date: August 16, 2008", being a portion of the property which is recorded at the Bristol North Registry of Deeds in Book 4417, Page 105,that to fund said purchase including all costs incidental and related thereto the sum of $200,000 be appropriated by transfer from Water Surplus, and further that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Easton to effect said purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Irwin Cohen

Motion: I move to approve Article 7 as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town constructed, without easements, a storm drain line across this property in the 1930's and has continuously used the property for the discharge of drainage from a 104 acre section of North Easton ever since. The Town's action has negatively impacted the value of the land and prevents the current owner, who has relocated, from selling the property. This action accomplishes three important things: 1. resolves a conflict (without litigation) with a property owner where the Town is clearly in the wrong; 2. acquires ownership and access for maintenance to an important drainage facility in Town; and 3. adds 2 acres to the Town's well protection district.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Made and seconded
Disposition: Unanimous vote

ARTICLE 8. LONG TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten-year lease with Information Management Corporation to provide public safety software to the Easton Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Irwin Cohen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten-year lease with Information Management Corporation to provide public safety software to the Easton Police Department.

Explanation: The Police Department wants to enter into a ten year lease for a new computer software program that will integrate our in-house dispatch and records management with our cruiser's laptop computers. Currently we have two separate software programs. By entering into this lease, we will own the product after ten years and we will be paying less money than we currently are spending on the two separate software programs. This is a comprehensive product that is also being used by the Easton Fire Dept and by most of the surrounding police departments. This will allow us to interface with those other police agencies and with our fire department. Because the contract is termed as a lease it requires approval at town meeting.

Vote Required to Pass: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
Made and seconded
Disposition: unanimous vote

ARTICLE 9. DPW WATER DIVISION – WATER RESTRICTION POLICY

Article 18. Amend §223-64 of the Code of the Town of Easton – Water Use Restriction Bylaw.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 223, Water, Article VII, of the Code of the Town of Easton by deleting in its entirety §223-64 Subsection E and inserting in its place a new §223-64 Subsection E, to read as follows:

§223-64. Mandatory water use restrictions.

E. Restricted Water Uses. A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the public water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under Subsection F.

Mandatory outside water restrictions shall be in place annually from May 1st to November 1st. Lawn watering will be allowed under the odd-even restrictions, customers

at an odd-numbered address can water on odd-numbered days; those at even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered days.

Phase I

Even numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Odd numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Handheld hoses will be allowed anytime.

Phase II

Even numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only on Monday and Thursday between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Odd numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only on Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Handheld hoses will be allowed anytime.

Phase III

Even numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only on Monday between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Odd numbered addresses will be restricted to allow lawn watering only on Tuesday between the hours of 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Handheld hoses will be allowed anytime.

Phase IV

All nonessential outdoor water use is prohibited.

Phase V

All outdoor water use is prohibited.

"Nonessential outdoor water use" includes uses that are not required: a) for health or safety reasons; b) by regulation; c) for the production of food and fiber; d) for the maintenance of livestock; or e) to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

Examples of acceptable outdoor water uses include: a) irrigation to establish a new lawn during the months of May and September in accordance with Phase II restrictions and only with approval of the Water Operations Manager or Superintendent; b) irrigation of public parks and recreational fields in accordance with Phase II restrictions and only with approval of the Operations Manager; and c) irrigation of, gardens, flowers, and ornamental plants via hand held hoses only.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Ellen Barlow

Motion: I move to approve Article 9 as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This bylaw change is necessary to conform to the requirements of Easton's Water Management Act Permit, Final Permit Decision issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection dated September 17, 2008. This permit specifies performance standards for residential gallons per capita day (RGPCD) to be 65 gallons or less. This bylaw change will assist Easton to meet this requirement.

Vote Required to Pass: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Made and seconded:
Disposition: Unanimous

ARTICLE 10. ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF EASEMENT AND WATER MAIN – DORCHESTER BROOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the perpetual, non-exclusive, right and easement to enter in and upon a private way known as Arbor Way for the purpose of installing, maintaining, inspecting, replacing, reconstructing, and operating the water main and to accept the right, title and interest in the water main located within, under and through Arbor Way and the fire hydrants and associated infrastructure passing through said Arbor Way and located on the various lots within said subdivision, as shown on a certain plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Dorchester Brook Estates," dated May 23, 2001, prepared for Marshall Realty Trust by E.T. Engineering Enterprises, Inc., and recorded with Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 409, Pages 9-20.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Ellen Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the perpetual, non-exclusive right and easement to enter in and upon the private

way known as Arbor Way for the purpose of installing, maintaining, inspecting, replacing, reconstructing, and operating the water main and to accept the right, title and interest in the water main located within, under and through Arbor Way and the fire hydrants and associated infrastructure passing through said Arbor Way and located on the various lots within said subdivision, as shown on a certain plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Dorchester Brook Estates," dated May 23, 2001, prepared for Marshall Realty Trust by E.T. Engineering Enterprises, Inc., and recorded with Bristol County Northern Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 409, Pages 9-20. Acceptance of the conveyance of easement, water main and associated infrastructure does not include any and all privately owned and maintained water connection lines. The Dorchester Brook Homeowners Association Trust reserves the right to pass and repass over Arbor Way for access to the adjacent properties.

Explanation: This easement will give the Town the ability to enter the private way for the purpose of maintaining the water delivery system as appropriate or necessary in the determination of the Easton Water Department The Town will own the water line, fire hydrants and related infrastructure but not any and all privately owned and maintained water connection lines. Arbor Way will remain a private way owned by the Dorchester Brooks Homeowners Association Trust. The Dorchester Brook Homeowners Association Trust reserves the right to pass and repass over Arbor Way for access to the adjacent properties.

Vote Required to Pass: Two- Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A
Made and seconded:
Disposition: Unanimous Vote

Motion to dissolve:
Made and seconded
8:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk

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